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Reagan picks ex-senator to head inquiry

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan yesterday appointed Mr John Tower, a former Texas senator, to head the presidential inquiry into the National Security Council's role in the Iran-Contra arms fiasco, as America reacted with shock and outrage to what is seen as the most serious scandal of the Reagan era.

President Reagan himself left yesterday for his California ranch for the Thanksgiving holiday.

But Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney-General, who is conducting a separate judicial inquiry into the still-unanswered questions about the affair, assured him that no top Administration officials were involved. He admitted however that it was likely that other people knew of the diverted funds as well as Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North, the maverick NSC military assistant.

"We pretty clearly established at this point that President Reagan, Vice-President George Bush and all Cabinet secretaries and top White House aides were not involved," he said in a television interview.

Congress however has sharply challenged this assertion. Congressional leaders of both parties, in a series of blistering attacks on the Administration, said it is "beyond credibility" that Colonel North acted alone without authorization from above.

And in a move strongly reminiscent of an aspect of the Watergate affair, congressional leaders are calling for the appointment of a special prosecutor, independent of Mr Meese's inquiry. Already they have begun hearings into the Iran arms deal, and these are likely to be broadened to include policy in Central America, the Middle East and the whole decision-making process in the Reagan Administration.

Despite rumours to the contrary yesterday, he said he intended to be "very much a part of the President's efforts" to bring them to fruition.

Mr Shultz was also clearly pleased by President Reagan's decision to hand back immediately control of US policy towards Iran to the State Department. His pledge of loyalty followed a strong statement by Mr Meese, which appeared pointedly directed at him and called on every member of the Administration to stand "shoulder-to-shoulder" with the President and support his policies or leave the Cabinet.

Mr Reagan's appointment of Mr Tower, a conservative Republican and former chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, will mean an immediate start to a thorough inquiry into the conduct of the National Security Council, which is at the heart of the present crisis.

Mr Tower will be assisted by Mr Edmund Muskie, who was Secretary of State during President Carter's last months in office, and General Brent Scowcroft, who served as President Ford's National Security Adviser. Mr Muskie was deeply involved in the final stages of Mr Carter's negotiations to free the US Embassy hostages in Tehran.

A permanent replacement for Vice-Admiral John Poindexter, who resigned as National Security Adviser on

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Arms cash sent to Geneva

From Martha Honey, San José

Millions of dollars derived from the clandestine sale of US military equipment to Iran and destined for the anti-Sandinista Nicaraguan Contras was deposited in the Swiss bank account of a firm run by a group of former US intelligence agents, according to Washington-based investigators.

The money was then transferred to an account in the Cayman Islands but it is not clear if it has already been used to purchase military equipment and supplies for the Contras. Contra leaders interviewed here and in Miami have denied receiving the money.

According to a Washington-based intelligence analyst, between January and September this year top National Security Council officials in Washington supplied a Swiss-based company with $12 million (£8.4 million) in CIA funds to purchase, at their original value, military equipment for sale to Iran.

The military hardware, including spare parts for F-14 fighters and several thousand missiles, was delivered to Iran on three separate flights and sold for its replacement value of $30 million.

The $18 million profit was then deposited in the account of Credit Feduciaire Services, a Geneva investment banking operation run by several former CIA officials. From there it was transferred to CFS Investments Limited the Geneva-based company's account in the Caymen Islands.

It was intended to be used to purchase military supplies for the Contras, but sources involved in the operation told the investigator the purchases may not yet have been made.

Meese to report on fiasco

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

President Reagan has ordered his Attorney General to produce an interim report on the Iran fiasco as soon as possible. The devastating details of diverted funds have shocked America. But almost every senior official and congressman now believes that there is more to come.

Not only are there strong indications that at least five US laws were broken, but the real question remaining is: Who first approved direct Israeli arms shipments to Iran, and later asked Israel to divert profits to secret bank accounts for the Contras?

On President Reagan's orders, Mr Edwin Meese began his inquiry that led to the extraordinary revelations last weekend. He himself interviewed top Cabinet officials, including Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, and it was at his lengthy sessions with Colonel Oliver North, the maverick Marine at the National Security Council,

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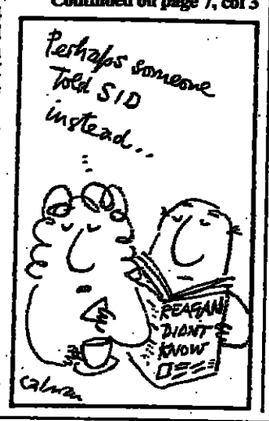

DPP considers Rothschild breach of Security Act

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

The Attorney General and the Director of Public Prosecutions are considering allegations that Sir Arthur Franks, former head of MI6, and Lord Rothschild, a close friend of the Prime Minster, breached the Official Secrets Act by leaking information about state security, it was disclosed last night.

The new twist in the increasingly bizarre spy saga followed a Commons row over the naming of Lord Rothschild in connection with previous security scandals.

In an early day motion, Mr Brian Sedgemore, Labour MP for Hackney, South and Shoreditch, called on the Prime Minister "to state whether the security services ever carried out an investigation into suspicions, which surfaced at the time and of which Lord Rothschild was aware, that he was a Soviet spy and the fifth man."

Furious Conservative MPs bombarded Mr Bernard Weatherill, the Speaker, with demands to stop Labour MPs using the Commons order paper, which is covered by parliamentary privilege, for making accusations and innuendos against people outside the Commons.

Mr Patrick Nicholls, MP for Teignbridge, asked: "Is there no vicious or slanderous calumny that can't be put on the order paper without you being able to exercise some degree of control over it?"

But last night, Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, Labour MP for Workington, who has named a long list of former MI5 and MI6 officers in early day motions and parliamentary questions for allegedly passing on information about the security service to authors, was unrepentant.

"In every case we have scored with the answers we have received. We are perfectly justified in tabling these parliamentary questions and indeed we will carry on doing so."

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Meanwhile, in a Commons written answer last night, Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, confirmed the new moves involving Sir Arthur Franks and Lord Rothschild.

Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, had asked if consideration had been given to proceeding against the pair for breach of confidence in relation to information on matters of state security given to authors.

"I am considering with the

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Drunken driving campaign 'too cheap'

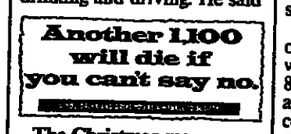
By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

The Department of Transport yesterday launched its Christmas war on drink-drivers. It includes the slogans: "If you drink and drive you're a menace to society" and "Another 1,100 will die if you can't say no".

The £600,000 campaign was immediately attacked by the pressure group Alcohol Concern as being "seriously underpowered."

"The campaign is being done on the cheap. What they're spending represents is about two hours' worth of government revenue from drinks", they said.

Last year's campaign cost £980,000 but Mr Peter Bottomley, Minister for Roads and Traffic, said that overall they were spending the same amount as last year on campaigns against mixing drinking and driving. He said this year the money had been divided between a summer campaign and the Christmas campaign.



The Christmas message.

Last December the number of deaths was 26 per cent lower than in December 1984.

Like last year the campaign will not include any television advertising.

Mr John Over, Chief Constable of Gwent and chairman of the traffic committee of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said there were 1,100 deaths annually involving drivers who had been drinking.

He believed that the present laws affecting drunken driving were adequate, but he indicated that he wished magistrates would impose heavier penalties.

Mr Bottomley said that 8,000 people a month were caught driving with above the permitted levels of alcohol in their systems, and this could raise the risk of accidents five times. He added that half had consumed twice the permitted amount, which made them 20 times more likely to be involved in an accident.

TUC council refuses to act against electricians

The general council of the TUC yesterday rejected by 24 votes to 21 demands from print union leaders for the electricians' union to be disciplined because its members work for News International at Wapping, east London.

The decision was taken after Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the electricians, had said his union had abided by an earlier TUC directive in spite of death threats to union officers and their families and violence to his members and their property.

Mr Hammond pointed out that throughout the dispute, thousands of members of the print unions, the journalists' union and the transport workers' union have worked to produce and distribute all News International publications.

His union, the Electrical Electronic Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, was found guilty last February of five of seven charges.

After yesterday's vote, 300 print workers and their supporters who were lobbying the meeting shouted insults against the general council.

Miss Brenda Dean, general secretary of Sogat '82, described the decision as "wrong and harsh".

In February, the EETPU accepted "without reservation" five general council directives in which it undertook not to enter into agreements with News International without the agreement of the print unions.

1,500 workers to lose jobs at Scott Lithgow

By Ronald Faux, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Fifteen hundred workers at the Scott Lithgow ship and oil rig yard on the lower Clyde are to lose their jobs, it was announced yesterday.

Trafalgar House, owners of the yard, said that 700 permanent and 800 temporary jobs at the yard would have to go and blamed a slump in the oil industry and a lack of orders for the decision to cut the workforce to a permanent hardcore of 700 employees.

The news, described as "devastating" by local community leaders in Greenock and Port Glasgow, was given by shop stewards at a mass meeting of the workers and followed speculation that 1,000 jobs might have to go at the yard.

"The news was far worse than we expected," a shop steward at the yard said.

The Government last night ruled out any action to save the jobs.

Union leaders want the Ministry of Defence to bring forward contracts to ease the crisis.

But Mr Malcolm Rifkind, the Secretary of State for Scotland, said yesterday that there was "an acute shortage" of new work for all offshore and shipbuilding yards.

"The only way to win new work is to stay as competitive as possible," he said.

Scott Lithgow's has had difficulty in transforming itself to meet the requirements of the oil fabrication industry and when the long-delayed oil rig Ocean Alliance is completed for Britoil in the new year the order book looked exremely bleak. The redundancy list would have been longer had it not been for a £12 million order to lengthen the bulk carrier Atlantic Conveyor. Contracts on four sister ships involving similar work have been won by Korean shipyards who are reported to be carrying out the work at one-third the price set by the Scottish yard.

Mr Duncan McNeill, secretary of the shop stewards committee, said the company was looking for volunteers for redundancy among the permanent workforce. The 800 temporary workers employed on the Ocean Alliance are to be paid off before next March and would have lost their jobs anyway when the rig was handed over to Britoil.

For the local community the latest blow to the giant shipyard could push the number of unemployed in the two Clydeside towns to more than 7,000. Already Greenock has a male unemployment rate of 25 per cent. Scott Lithgow's was the main employer in the area and in the days when ship building boomed on the Clyde, 7,000 men worked there.

Trade union leaders are pressing the management to increase the permanent workforce at the yard but Trafalgar House is unlikely to turn from its aim of cutting numbers to a minimum and increasing them only when the order book allowed.

Mr Donald Dewar, shadow Secretary of State for Scotland, said the news was a terrible blow for the lower Clyde. Some 2,000 jobs had already been lost this year in Clyde shipyards. Dr Norman Godman, Labour MP for Greenock and Port Glasgow,

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Scottish teachers call all-out strike

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

The biggest Scottish teachers' union yesterday called an all-out strike for December 4 in an attempt to force the Government back into new no-strings negotiations.

The Educational Institute of Scotland, which represents about half the country's teachers, offered an olive branch of sorts by saying that it might postpone subsequent disruption to enable a "breathing space" for talks.

The vote on a strike ballot, on a turn-out of 89 per cent, was 28,257 to 5,292, a split of 84 per cent to 16 per cent, against a 16.4 per cent pay and conditions package to be implemented over 15 months. Anger over the Government's decision to pay the recommendations of the independent Main committee in two stages — half in January and half nine months later — lay behind the ballot result.

Mr John Pollock, the institute's general secretary, said in Edinburgh that the vote showed that the package, put forward by Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, was not a basis for negotiation.

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A Cabinet meeting today is expected to impose a settlement by law in the long-running pay dispute in England and Wales.

There were strong indications last night that the Government's patience has run out after the overwhelming vote by the Scottish teachers to reject Mr Rifkind's

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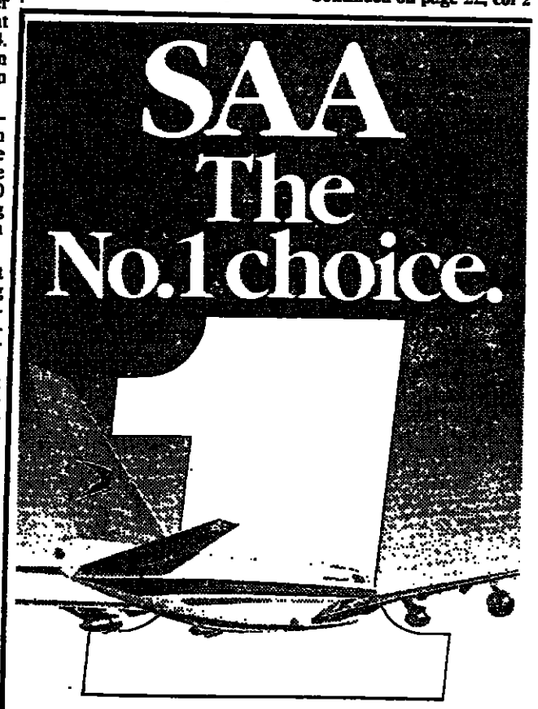

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Epsom railroads its announcer out

By Alan Hamilton

In an unprecedented court case a British Rail announcer has been found guilty of being too loud and clear, and has been banned by magistrates from Epsom station.

Local residents were driven to despair by the strident, plummy tones intoning at all hours of the day and night: "This is Epsom, this is Epsom, this is Epsom. All change. This is Epsom."

The local residents knew perfectly well where they were, and as the voice escaped from the station confines to puncture the peaceful air of the surrounding town, they christened it Her Ladyship.

Residents living nearby complained repeatedly to Southern Region, but to no effect. Eventually, Mr William Bowler, one near neighbour of the station, brought his own private prosecution under the Control of Pollution Act.

During the three-day hearing at Epsom court, magistrates were played tapes of the station announcements, which were revealed as pre-recorded messages supplied to BR by a specialist information recording company. The voice has since been identified as belonging to Miss Angela Peberdy, of Buckinghamshire, a professional speaker.

Miss Peberdy said yesterday that she had never received any complaints about her voice before, and indeed had been complimented on the clarity of her announcements.

The court has given Southern Region three months to silence Her Ladyship, and BR has agreed to replace her with a pre-recorded male voice, which it believes will be less offensively penetrating.

In the meantime Her Ladyship is being silenced between the hours of 7.30 p.m and 7.30 a.m., and loudspeakers on the open platforms are being moved inside in the hope that the station canopy will contain the offending sound. Her Ladyship has also been silenced on Sundays, with immediate effect.

Miss Angela Peberdy: Compliments, not complaints.

Mr Carl Littlejohn, managing director of Infomat, the company which supplied the recordings, said yesterday that the problem was not Her Ladyship's voice, but Epsom station's speakers, which were too good and too numerous.

"British Rail is often ribbed for the lack of clarity and poor quality of its announcements, but in Epsom the opposite is true. That is the real problem," Mr Littlejohn said.

Southern Region said yesterday that it used a number of pre-recorded station announcements, sometimes by outsiders and sometimes by members of its own staff. It hoped to have Her Ladyship off the air well within the three months set by the court.

But Her Ladyship will not be silenced entirely. The voice of Miss Peberdy is used at a number of stations throughout Southern Region; British Rail is understandably reluctant to say which.

Night search of moor after clothes find

Shredded clothing was found last night at one of four sites on Saddleworth Moor, Greater Manchester, being excavated by the police in the search for graves.

Floodlights were ordered as excavations of the area continued in darkness in case other remnants were washed away or buried by snow.

Berlin hunt for Syrian official

West Germany has issued a warrant for a Syrian intelligence official after the jailing on bomb charges in West Berlin yesterday of two Jordanians, including the brother of the man sentenced in London to 45 years for his attempt to blow up an El Al jumbo jet.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Police quiz men over murders

Two men were last night being questioned by detectives in Surrey who are investigating the murders of a schoolgirl and two women in a series of attacks which have been dubbed the work of the "railway rapist".

One man was arrested on Sunday in London and appeared before magistrates yesterday when the police were given permission to hold him for a further 24 hours. The second man was held late on Tuesday night and taken to Guildford police station.

The murders have also been linked to some of a series of nearly 30 rapes in London.

The men being held are being questioned about the death of Alison Day, aged 19, in London last January; Martje Tamboezer, aged 15, in Surrey last April, and Mrs Anne Lock, aged 29, killed in May near her home in Hertfordshire.

New attack on BBC

The BBC was facing a new charge of political bias yesterday after selecting a journalist who has made a speciality of exposing defence and intelligence secrets to present a television series called *The Secret Society*.

The series, to be shown next year, is to be presented by Mr Duncan Campbell, of the *New Statesman* magazine. This has prompted a campaign by Mr Winston Churchill, Conservative MP for Davyhulme, Manchester, and the Freedom Association, which has alleged the series is to give a "blatantly left wing" view of intelligence matters.

£3 killer gets life

A teenager who murdered a woman aged 76 for the £3 she had in her purse was jailed for life yesterday.

Exeter Crown Court was told that Clifford Norton, aged 19, of Glenmore Road, Minehead, Somerset, burst into Mrs Winifred Borman's home and slit her throat last May.

He initially denied murder but yesterday changed his plea.

Ordered to leave

Mr Ammanullah Khan, of Westbourne Road, Luton, leader of the Kashmir Liberation Front, was served with a deportation order yesterday.

Mr Khan, aged 52, who was cleared of explosives charges at St Albans Crown Court last September, was told then that he was to be deported because the Home Secretary considered his presence was not conducive to public good.

Bishop of Oxford

The Rev Richard Douglas Harries (right), at present Dean of King's College, London, is to be the next Bishop of Oxford.

Mr Harries, aged 50, is a former warden of Wells, Salisbury and Wells Theological College, and vicar of All Saints, Fulham, south-west London.

The Queen's approved his nomination yesterday.

The former bishop, the Right Rev Patrick Campbell Rodger, resigned last July.

Illustrious limps back

The aircraft carrier HMS Illustrious, forced to abandon the first half of a Royal Navy world tour after a gearbox exploded, is returning to Portsmouth with more gearbox trouble.

Repairs costing £5 million were carried out when the carrier's starboard gearbox exploded earlier this year.

Now a two-inch piece of metal has sheared off in the opposite gearbox in the Gulf of Oman.

Terrorists' deals 'fund activities'

International terrorists are using the profits from legitimate businesses, accounts and investments to fill their war chests, the head of Scotland Yard's detective force said yesterday (Our Crime Reporter writes).

But the use of legitimate financial institutions could prove to be one of the terrorists' weak points. Police and security services should attempt to attack terrorism through its financial roots, Mr John Dellow, assistant commissioner of the Metropolitan police, said.

Speaking at the Royal United Services Institute, Mr Dellow pointed to the Yard's successful policy of attacking the assets of international criminals. If the strategy worked against criminal gangs it could also be very effective against terrorist organizations.

He said: "It should not be beyond our wit to apply to terrorism the philosophy of striking at money supply and profit. We know that many of the world's terrorist organizations no longer rely on handouts either from individuals, groups or states but are now in the business of investment, property ownership and money dealing.

"This could be addressed in a similar fashion as is organized crime. The concept is also attractive because of the manner in which some funds are acquired for investment such as robbery, fraud and extortion."

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BLOCK CAPITALS

Duke speaks of ghastly quality in some schools

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The Duke of Edinburgh said yesterday that some education in Britain was of a "ghastly" quality and gave a warning that certain comprehensive schools were producing "second-class citizens".

The Duke was speaking to an audience of 300 industrialists after giving this years's London Lecture to the British Institute of Management.

In answers to questions he said that education in Britain was "patchy".

He added: "There are examples of marvellous quality but also many examples of really ghastly quality in education".

It was a question of attitudes. "There are sections of the teaching population which have attitudes that many people do not understand. It is a free country and there is no reason why they should not think this way. Personally I do not think they are doing a great service to the people they are educating.

"In an effort to equalize education there has been development of comprehensive schools which from a philosophical point of view is perfectly reasonable but the difficulty about that, or the consequence, is that most of the comprehensive schools are trying to ape the academic quality of the old grammar schools.

"It is all very well if you can do that, but it means the stream in the comprehensive school which is not academic or intellectual tends to become a second class citizen. If you take people from the secondary modern schools where they were first class citizens and put them into a first class school then, if the criteria is intellectual quality, they are bound to be second class citizens."

He emphasized: "I am not preaching against comprehensive schools. The problem is perception by the teachers of the school as a whole on where they put their priorities either on intellectual and academic achievement or on practical and technical skills.

In his lecture the Duke had criticized those in education who decried competition.

He said: "There are those in education who, in the name of freedom and equality, are busily trying to do away with competitive sports or with competition of any kind. There may well be undesirable elements in competition if it gets out of hand but one wonders what life would be like without any challenge or without any opportunity to succeed.

Rumpus on urban aid conference

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The Prince of Wales today launches Inner City Aid, an appeal to raise funds to support self-help community projects in deprived urban areas of Britain, amid controversy over sponsorship of the conference he will address.

The two-day conference at the Astoria Theatre in London has attracted more than 800 delegates, but a number of tenants' organizations and Shelter, the national campaign for the homeless, have refused to attend. This is because the main sponsor is Regalian Properties, a company specializing in renewing old buildings, many of them council owned, to provide homes for sale. The company has given £25,000 to help pay for the conference.

Case UK, a tenants' organization, is organizing a protest for tomorrow.

Community Architecture Information Services, organizers of the conference, yesterday described those attempting to organize a boycott as "narrow-minded and negative". They said that the privatization of public housing estates, while vitally important, was only one of many issues relating to the built environment.

They said the attempt was negative because effective resolution of the conflicts involved in privatization would come about only if all parties started talking.

Mr David Goldstone, head of Regalian, said he had offered to withdraw, but that was rejected.

The Inner City Trust will administer the funds – intended to reach tens of millions of pounds – raised by its campaigning arm, Inner City Aid. The money will come from commerce, industry, institutions, societies, clubs, private benefactors and the general public.

It will also promote pop concerts and other events to raise money to regenerate communities.

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Community building award is launched

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

The Times and the Royal Institute of British Architects announced yesterday the launching of the second Annual Community Enterprise Scheme for community-based environmental projects.

Mr Rod Hackney, chairman of the scheme, said he hoped there would be even more entries than the 184 last year.

The aim of the scheme is to encourage community involvement in commissioning, designing, and managing all types of buildings. These include housing, community centres, adventure playgrounds, workshops for starter and small businesses, urban farms, environmental improvements, and facilities for the disabled.

Awards are given for the most imaginative, viable, and need-fulfilling community projects in the United Kingdom. Entries are assessed on their value to the community, environmental quality, and future plans for maintenance and running.

The 1986-87 scheme is again supported by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, which is contributing £10,000 in prize money. It also plans to publish a second edition of *Community Enterprise Booklet*, in conjunction with *The Times*.

To mark the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless in 1987, there will be a special category for projects which house the homeless.

The Prince of Wales, patron of the scheme, will present this year's awards next July. The assessors will include Mrs Jessica Douglas-Home, widow of Mr Charles Douglas-Home, former editor of *The Times*, in whose name a special award will be given for the most outstanding entry.

The closing date for entries is January 23, 1987. Conditions of entry and entry forms may be obtained from the CES Awards Co-ordinator, Lynne Hutton, c/o Business in the Community, 227A City Rd, London EC1V 1LX. Telephone 01 253 3716.

Claws, the newest dinosaur

By Gavin Bell

A claw, a finger and a humerus bone from an enormous flesh-eating dinosaur, being studied by Dr Alan Charig (centre) with Dr Angela Milner and Mr Ron Croucher yesterday at the Natural History Museum, London, where Dr Charig described the partial skeleton as the most important fossil found this century.

The creature, affectionately known as Claws, possessed at least one large claw-bone, unlike any other known dinosaur, and was found in a claypit in Surrey.

It has been named *Baryonyx walkeri*, meaning "heavy claw" and honouring Mr William J Walker, an amateur fossil collector who discovered it in 1983.

The claw is thought to have measured up to 15in long. It would have been used to convey food into a mouth containing almost 130 razor-sharp teeth.

Dr Charig estimated that it would have measured 30ft in length, and have stood about 15ft high on its hind legs, weighing up to two tons.

It was probably a fairly passive fish-eater living near rivers and swamps. The dinosaur, which lived 124 million years ago, probably scooped up fish, in much the same way as North American grizzly bears do today, although in a rather more spectacular manner.

Claws will go on temporary exhibition at the museum next year. Dr Charig and his colleagues hope to piece the fragments together into a permanent, mounted display in three or four years' time.

(Top photograph: John Rogers).

News International dispute

TUC victory by electricians

By Tim Jones

The General Council of the Trades Union Congress was told yesterday that the electricians' union had acted "within the letter and the spirit" of directions imposed upon it concerning its involvement in the News International dispute.

It had done so in spite of death threats to union officers and violence against members and their property.

After hearing an uncompromising defence of his union's position from Mr Eric Hammond, the general secretary, the members of the TUC's ultimate ruling body decided by 24 votes to 21 not to invoke disciplinary proceedings against the Electrical Electronic Telecommunication and Plumbing Union.

In a statement to the general council, Mr Hammond said he believed that when the council had found his union guilty of five out of seven charges last February, it had ignored the "whole background and culpability of the print unions for their own plight".

Mr Hammond was defending his union against attacks from the print unions Sogat' 82 and the National Graphical Association, who were demanding disciplinary action against the electricians' union. EETPU members work at News International's new high technology plant at Wapping, east London.

He said that since the publication of the book *The End of the Street* which implies complicity between his union and the company, there had been refuelled a "bury the EETPU" campaign orchestrated by the Communist *Morning Star* newspaper.

The reality was, Mr Hammond said, that throughout the dispute thousands of Sogat, NGA, National Union of Journalists members and Transport and General Workers' Union members have worked to produce and distribute all News International publications. He added: "In contrast, at Wapping, no more than a couple of hundred EETPU members are employed".

Detailing specific "ferocious" attacks by Sogat and the NGA against each other, Mr Hammond said the general council had to recall a Sogat conspiracy to push his union out of Fleet Street with secret meetings involving EETPU Communists and senior Sogat officials.

His members, he said, had been subject to raids and harassment throughout the provincial newspaper industry and there had been the obstruction of new technology by print unions, which had denied employment opportunities to EETPU members.

Referring to specific allegations that he had given a personal go-ahead to Mr Rupert Murdoch, chairman of News International, to print four national newspapers, including at Wapping, Mr Hammond said: "Such an approval has never been given by me or any other officer of the EETPU".

He said that only through the intervention of the electricians' union, at the request of the TUC, had News International conceded financial compensation to former employees, which could in some cases be in excess of £30,000.

In addition because of his union's intervention the company had recognized the establishment of a four-union national joint council to act as a consultative body and agreed that former employees would be considered for any vacancies at Wapping.

The reality of the situation, Mr Hammond said, had been put to the TUC congress last September. He had pointed out that his union had in Wapping only a minority of the production workforce.

He had told congress: "Would a call by us secure their stoppage of work? We are, in any case, bound as the print unions did, to have a ballot. Does anyone doubt the result of that ballot?

"Whatever the result, our funds would be liable, but seemingly, having gone through such a charade, we would be shriven pure like the TGWU and the NUJ. They both had many more members at Wapping but with ineffectual instructions to their members, with a ritual washing of hands, they escaped condemnation."

He also recalled another passage which he delivered to congress: "We refuse to accept responsibility for the plight of former News International employees. The immediate responsibility for that plight lies with the bad judgement of the print unions."

Mr Hammond told the general council yesterday: "The EETPU recognize that the TUC's rules, providing they are subject to, and used within, the laws of the land, must be the instrument to settle differences within the trade union movement, however much we dislike the outcome. That is why we accepted the directions without reservation."

Average home is burgled once every 35 years

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

The Government is approaching the general election without announcing a programme of legislation on law and order, which is expected to be one of the main issues of the campaign.

Instead ministers will be relying on the Government's record, including increased spending, a general strategy within the present legislative framework, and the Criminal Justice Bill now before Parliament.

The Government's intentions are plain from a working paper, *Criminal Justice*, published this morning as a pre-emptive strike before the second reading of the Bill also today.

The document provides a mass of information with which Conservative MPs can base counter-attacks on Labour in the run-up to the general election, whenever it is, and during the campaign.

Using this detailed information the document says that although a burglary a minute all year throughout England and Wales sounds alarming, the chances of the "typical household" being burgled in a year are one in 35.

The "statistically average person" aged 16 or over can expect: a robbery once every 450 years; an assault resulting in injury once every century; the family car to be stolen or taken by joyriders once every 60 years; a burglary in the home once every 35 years.

But it adds that 30 per cent of males born in 1953 had been convicted of a relatively serious criminal offence by the age of 28. About 5 per cent of known offenders commit 70 per cent of detected crime.

The Bill will provide a vehicle with which ministers can get their good intentions across to voters.

Although minor Bills in the Home Office field would not be ruled out after an election, the belief within the Government is that the balance between extra powers to deal with crime and the safeguarding of individual's rights is about right.

But the process is not finished. The Government's pre-election strategy includes:

- Strengthening court and police powers while keeping safeguards for individuals.
- Still more resources for police, prisons and probation.
- Making criminal justice more efficient and effective.
- Better support for victims
- Action to prevent crime.

"Over the last 30 years the statistics of recorded crime have consistently made gloomy reading," the working paper says. Improved police/public relations, the increase in the use of the telephone and the extension of insurance can all put up the level of recorded crime and so make the crime figures look more serious. Paradoxically, more police officers may result in more reported crime.

The working paper says: "Crime in England and Wales has been growing at a fairly constant rate since the 1950s and, as in other western countries, is at a level which causes very serious concern.."

Criminal Justice, a Working Paper (The Library, Home Office, 50 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9AT).

Move to cut jail terms

Prison sentences should be cut by a new supervised release scheme for those serving less than three years, the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders said yesterday in evidence to the Commons home affairs committee.

Under the proposal, floated by the Home Office in 1981 but not implemented, inmates would serve shorter jail terms, but be supervised outside with the threat of recall if they misbehaved.

The association called for alternative ways of dealing with fine defaulters, who account for a quarter of all jailed offenders.

Kinnock to continue purge on Militant

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday signalled that there would be no let-up in his efforts to purge the Labour Party of the Militant Tendency.

The party leader won a vote at the national executive committee meeting for a new inquiry into the Liverpool Labour group, which some members hope will lead to the removal of Mr Tony Byrne, its new hard-left leader, and pave the way for the disbandment of the Militant-dominated Knowsley North constituency party.

He overwhelmingly defeated a left-wing attempt, led by Mr Tony Benn, to block further party expulsions.

Mr Kinnock moved swiftly against Mr Byrne, who became leader of the Labour group last week in a hard-left coup which deposed Mr John Hamilton, the veteran leader.

Mr Byrne, who, as chairman of the council finance committee, masterminded Liverpool's budget fight with the Government, infuriated Mr Kinnock by appearing at a press conference soon afterwards at which Mr Derek Hatton declared that he was still deputy leader of the council. Mr Hatton has since stood down.

Mr Kinnock moved for a three-man inquiry into the Liverpool Labour group, "and the constitutional position of Councillor Byrne following the group meeting and his apparent immediate breach of the party rules and constitution".

He won the vote by 19 to five after a passionate speech in which he attacked the treatment of Mr Hamilton, who he said had endured "every taunt, pressure and insult".

Mr Byrne faces disciplinary action if the inquiry, headed by Mr Ken Cure, finds that he acted unconstitutionally in immediately failing to withdraw support from Mr Hatton and other expelled members.

Sikh was 'horrified by plot'

Parmatma Singh Marwaha, one of three Sikhs accused of a conspiracy to assassinate Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the prime minister of India, was horrified when he heard of the plot, Birmingham Crown Court was told yesterday.

Lord Gifford, QC, representing Mr Marwaha, a company director, aged 44, from Kedleston Road, Leicester, told the court that he had been roped into the plot.

He said that Mr Marwaha was asked to go to a meeting, but when he realized assassination was being discussed, he did not believe what he was hearing.

"He decided to play along to get away and stop it," Lord Gifford said.

Mr Marwaha, together with Jarnail Singh Ranuana, aged 46, of Canon Street, Leicester, and Sukhvinder Singh Gill, aged 30, of Worthington Street, Leicester, all deny conspiracy to commit murder and soliciting others to commit murder.

The trial continues today.

£1.6m fund for helicopter safety scheme

The Civil Aviation Authority confirmed yesterday that it is to spend £1.6 million on research into improving helicopter safety (Our Air Correspondent writes).

As disclosed by *The Times* last week, the fund will be made up of £600,000 from the CAA, £500,000 from the Government and £500,000 from the helicopter industry.

Mr Christopher Tugendhat, the CAA chairman, said yesterday: "It will be used over three years to fulfil the long-term need for an altogether higher standard of safety".

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Tell patients the risks they face in treatment, doctors are advised

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Patients should be told more about the risks of surgery and other medical treatments, rather than receiving the "benevolent deception" of doctors, a report published today says.

Patients should be allowed more "freedom to gamble" on treatments in a move towards shifting the responsibility of risk-taking in medicine more towards the patient and away from the doctor, the report by the Office of Home Economics said.

"It is complacent to assume that a patient's desire to gamble on a treatment will be the same as the clinician's. Patients are often averse to taking risks, and are prepared to trade longevity for quality of life improvements," the report said.

The question was how much risk information to give patients so as to educate rather than frighten them, Mr Bernie O'Brien, of the Health Economics Research Group at Brunel University, the report's author, says.

Mr George Teeling Smith, director of the OHE, which is funded by the drugs industry, said yesterday that there was a "lunatic irrationality" in how risks to patients were assessed.

A patient suffering from angina who underwent a coronary by-pass operation had a one in 30 chance of dying within a month. Someone with an arthritic hip would be prescribed drugs which had a one in 10,000 risk of causing death.

Surgeons treating the angina patient did not have to give a warning of the risks of surgery, but the drug would be withdrawn because it was too dangerous, he said.

"Some surgeons have made claims for the benefits of operations that would simply not be tolerated if they were made on behalf of individual drugs," he said.

Drug companies should be completely frank with independent researchers investigating the claimed benefits of a product. It would be "totally irresponsible" to conceal any details of the possible risks of taking the drug.

But many patients who were suffering from arthritis and rheumatism had been deprived of the only drugs that could alleviate their pain because of the assessments of the Government's Committee on Safety of Medicines of the drugs' potentially fatal hazards. Fully informed of the risks, many people would have chosen to continue with those drugs, he said.

Some patients were naturally "risk-takers" while others were naturally "risk-avoiders", the report said.

Doctors should take this into account when judging a patient's willingness to take a medical risk. Both the health professions and the general public needed to learn more about the actual risks faced every time a medical procedure was carried out.

Medical or surgical progress would be impossible unless patients were prepared to accept inevitable risks of treatment.

What Are My Chances, Doctor? (OHE, 12 Whitehall, London SW1A 2DY; £1.50).

● Private locum agencies, anxious to cash in on the shortage of junior doctors, are going bankrupt, leaving debts of thousands of pounds (Jill Sherman writes).

Dr Ian McKim Thompson, deputy secretary of the British Medical Association, said that the BMA had had complaints from members who had not been paid or whose payment had been held up by several months. "We found that a few companies had gone into liquidation or no longer existed and there was no way of chasing up payments," he said.

Private agencies providing temporary medical cover for holidays, sickness and study leave, are mushrooming all over the country because of a high demand for locum doctors. Many offer rates of up to three times the NHS and take agency payments of at least 20 per cent. But faced with delays from health authorities forwarding the payments some companies are running into serious difficulties.

Alison Pankhurst, aged 16, great-niece of Emmeline Pankhurst, the suffragette, posing yesterday beside her kinswoman's statue next to the Houses of Parliament in London. Miss Pankhurst, school captain at Ramsden Girls' School, Orpington, Kent, who hopes to become an Army officer, was one of the winners of the Leadership '86 competition, part of the Confederation of British Industry's Industry Year to find potential leaders of the nation from among the pupils of 7,000 schools. Girls outnumbered boys by two to one in the final list (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Concern at closure of services in rural areas

By John Young

The present debate about the future of farming and the countryside should be widened to include the mounting problems of unemployment, inadequate housing, school closures and lack of services that faced many rural communities. Lord Vinson, chairman of the Development Commission, said yesterday.

"Villages used to be places where people lived and worked and not just places to which commuters returned home to roost at night," he said.

Last year some 7,000 jobs were lost in agriculture, compared with only 1,000 the previous year. To this should be added thousands more jobs lost in the agricultural service industries.

"We believe there is an opportunity now for the Government to demonstrate its concern for rural areas, and to help them adjust by redirecting some of the savings from agricultural support into more general support for rural communities," he said.

"Developing alternative sources of farm income through diversification and new forms of land use may help to keep some farmers and their families in business. But the scope for creating new jobs in this way for the displaced farm workers, let alone meeting other employment needs, is limited."

Lord Vinson was speaking at the launching of the commission's annual report, which says many rural counties have unemployment rates well above the national average.

The report discloses that in England 483 village schools have closed since 1980. In Surrey 39 villages lost at least one shop between 1973 and 1983, leaving 18 without any.

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Portfolio Gold

Australian trip for winner

Mrs Eileen Card is the sole winner of yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mrs Card, aged 53, from Blackfield in Southampton, has played the Portfolio Gold game since it started in *The Times*.

She said she was "very pleased" to have won.

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Mrs Card: Pleased to win

Man acccused of PC murder

A man detained in North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary in Stoke-on-Trent was yesterday charged with the murder of PC John Taylor.

He is Terrence Butcher, aged 26, of Birmingham.

Advice for clergy on help with Aids

Church of England clergymen who tend Aids patients must not question the morality of the victims' lifestyles and should put aside their own views about homosexuality and drug abuse, according to guidelines issued by the church today.

All those who suffer from the disease deserve both compassion and help, and the church should assist in promoting their pastoral care, the guidelines, contained in a booklet, suggest.

"Such pastoral concern is quite different from making moral judgements about matters such as homosexual acts, through which Aids has been usually, but not always, transmitted."

The booklet, prepared by the church's social policy committee, deals with pastoral rather than moral aspects of Aids, the Bishop of Birmingham, the Right Rev Hugh Montefiore, says in a foreword.

Encouraging sensible reactions to the development of Aids, responsible behaviour among people who are at risk and sensitive care for those affected are priorities, the booklet says.

***Aids: Some Guidelines for Pastoral Care* (Church House Publishing, Great Smith Street, London; 60p).**

● Pathologists at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, refused to carry out a post-mortem examination on a haemophiliac because they feared catching Aids, an inquest at Westminster was told yesterday.

Mr Christopher Ashe, aged 28, of Needham Road, Westbourne Park, west London, who collapsed and was found dead by his wife on October 22, had been tested regularly for the virus. Each time the tests proved negative, the inquest was told.

Dr Paul Knapman, the coroner, recorded an open verdict.

Mother tells of shop visit

A newsagent accused of selling typewriter correction fluid to a boy who later died from inhaling it, denied stocking the fluid when confronted by the boy's mother, a court was told yesterday.

Lee Kendall, aged 14, collapsed and died on August 8 after sniffing the fluid with friends in a park in Bermondsey, south-east London.

Mrs Maria Kendall, his mother, told Tower Bridge Magistrates' Court that the next day she, her mother, and her daughter went to a newsagents' shop in Dunton Road, Southwark, and asked Mr Chandrakant Patel, the shopkeeper, to return a radio which she believed her son had traded for fluid.

He denied having the radio but produced a tape recorder that the boy had left with him several days before.

Mrs Kendall, of Hazel Way, Bermondsey, said: "He denied that he sold the fluid and he denied that he even stocked it".

But her daughter pushed him aside and saw a box of the fluid.

Mr Patel, aged 35, and his cousin, Mr Sureshbhai Patel, aged 23, both of St Stephens Close, Southall, west London, deny supplying Lee Kendall with the fluid while knowing him to be under 18 and being aware that he intended to sniff it.

Chandrakant denies two charges and his cousin one.

The case continues.

Papers of revolution for sale

Important Marxist literature, including the first nine issues of the original *Izvestia*, reporting the start of the Russian revolution in 1917, will be auctioned at Sotheby's today.

Valuable first editions of books by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels will also come up for auction, after the successful sale of the first edition of The Communist Manifesto last May for £26,400.

The nine copies of *Izvestia*, dating from February 27 to March 4, 1917 (Russian calendar), "some slightly torn along the folds, the paper yellowed, a few edges slightly frayed," were printed by an anonymous committee of Petrograd journalists and are expected to fetch between £5,000 and £7,000.

It was the first newspaper to report the start of the Russian revolution in 1917, after the Tsarist newspapers went on strike. The February 27 issue features the report of the Petrograd garrison's supply of arms and ammunition to the workers, striking against the government.

The headline declares: "The newspapers aren't coming out. Events are happening too quickly. The people must know what is happening."

But it was also the first of three different newspapers, all called *Izvestia* meaning "news", to appear at that time.

Therapist 'interfered in affairs'

Dr Joseph Jaffe, the hypnotherapist accused of serious professional misconduct, interfered with the business affairs of a patient whom he brainwashed into secrecy, a disciplinary hearing was told yesterday.

Eventually the patient, Mr George Waterson, aged 49, a wealthy businessman, was encouraged to go to the fraud squad by another psychiatrist, although police inquiries into the case remain unknown.

This was alleged at a General Medical Council hearing in London where Dr Jaffe, aged 60, a former mayor of Salford, Manchester, denies five charges of serious professional misconduct.

The accusations were made by Dr Ian Clark, a former consultant psychiatrist at Cheadle Royal Hospital, who treated Mr Waterson after he had spent five years in the care of Dr Jaffe.

In that time, Dr Jaffe had allegedly administered an addictive drug concoction which he called "Jaffe juice" as part of hypnotherapy treatment, for which he charged up to £60,000.

Dr Clark said Mr Waterson, married with four children from Altrincham, Cheshire, showed him business documents including bank statements.

Dr Clark said: "The conclusion I came to was that there were clearly irregularities which needed to be further looked into by the appropriate authorities."

The case continues.

Bailiffs 'too heavy-handed'

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Councils and housing associations who send in bailiffs when tenants are behind with their rent are criticized as "unnecessarily cruel" and "heavy-handed" by the National Consumer Council today.

In its evidence to the Law Commission the council calls for "this pernicious practice" to be stamped out and supports the commission's proposal that the right of public landlords to tackle rent arrears in such a way should be abolished.

Mr Michael Montague, council chairman, says: "The practice of sending bailiffs in like this is called, most appropriately, 'distress for rent'. Not only is it unnecessarily harsh, it is actually counter productive."

The Association of District Councils advised its members to take such action as a last resort, but a few "heavy-handed" councils seemed to send in bailiffs without warning tenants first, he said.

Those who got behind with the rent were likely to be those low-income families who could not pay, because of a sudden drop in income, rather than those who would not.

Their plight was made worse by bailiffs coming in and seizing household essentials such as furniture and selling them for far less than their value. In one case this had happened to settle a debt of only £20.

"Bailiffs can, and do, seize and sell almost anything, including articles belonging to other people, such as rented TV sets," he added.

"In some cases they are alleged to have entered premises when only children were in the house and seized goods," he said. In other cases it was alleged they "turned out drawers or cupboards and smashed fittings".

Although there are legal limits on what bailiffs are allowed to take, and the tenant can pursue a bailiff for illegal action in the courts, he must first settle his debt in order to recover the goods.

The council calls for rent arrears to be tackled in other ways, and says that councils should first review their rent collection procedures and ensure they have not made the problem of arrears worse by dropping weekly collections.

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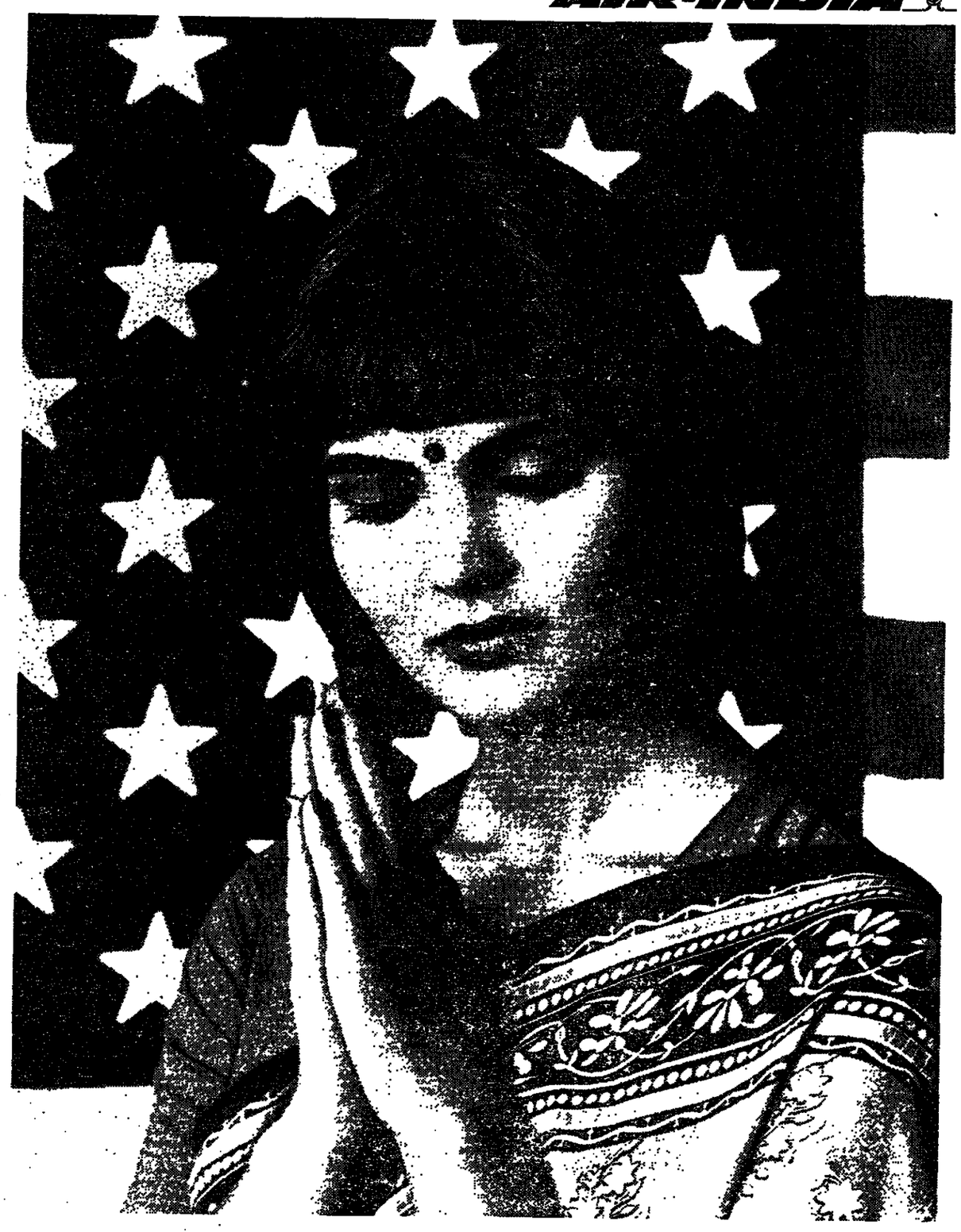

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PARLIAMENT

Government is accused of fiddling trade figures

INVISIBLE TRADE

Allegations of fiddling figures for invisible trade were tossed *around the Commons* chamber during exchanges on a private *notice question.*

It began with **Mr John Smith,** *chief Opposition* spokesman on trade and industry, highlighting scepticism in the City about the recalculation of invisibles in the trade figures to show a higher surplus and warning the Government to be careful, in view of its record in "manipulating" unemployment statistics, not to let its previous convictions run before it.

It continued with **Mr Michael Howard,** Under-Secretary of *State for Trade and Industry,* challenging Mr Smith to say in *the clearest* possible terms if he was in any way alleging that the figures had been doctored by statisticians at the Central Statistical Office.

It ended with **Mr Ian Gow** (Eastbourne, C) refusing to withdraw his remark, despite an appeal by **The Speaker** (Mr. Bernard Weatherill) in the name of Christmas, that it was Mr Smith who would apparently fiddle the figures – a totally unjustified allegation, according to Mr Smith.

Responding to Mr Smith's request for a statement, **Mr Howard said:** "Statistics of invisible trade are compiled by the Central Statistical Office mainly from quarterly and annual surveys of businesses and individuals engaged in invisible-trade transactions.

"This information becomes available much less frequently than the corresponding information for visible trade. Estimates of the invisible balance for the third quarter of 1986 and the month of October were calculated by the statisticians of the CSO on the basis of the latest information available to them."

Mr Smith asked if the Government was concerned about a report in today's *Financial Times* which said that the large *revisions in the invisibles came* as a surprise and were greeted *with widespread scepticism* in the City. Such scepticism, he said, was disturbing about figures on which the markets depended and the integrity of which ought to be beyond question.

In order to restore confidence in the figures, and bearing in mind the heavy reliance placed on invisibles in the autumn statement, next time a more detailed justification for the calculation of invisibles should be shown so that the scepticism did not recur.

Mr Howard said that, unlike others, he regarded some newspaper reports with scepticism. *These changes had been made* because it became clear to the *CSO statisticians that there* were changes of a magnitude which *ought to be drawn to* the attention of the public.

The House was accustomed to the Opposition finding failure where there was none and Mr Smith should now stop sniping at the success represented by these figures for invisibles.

Sir William Clark (Croydon South, C) said that every time there was good economic news the Opposition made wild allegations. The increase in invisible earnings was because of the increased investment since 1979.

Mr Howard agreed, adding that the Opposition could not bear good news and wanted to misrepresent it whenever it occurred.

Mr Paddy Ashdown (Yeovil, L) said that there was scepticism in the City and not only among the Opposition parties.

Mr Howard said that he did not believe that there was widespread scepticism in the City. Indeed, it was due in no small part to the City's performance over the period in question that the invisibles had improved.

Mr Anthony Nelson (Chichester, C) said that it was quite extraordinary that when a trade deficit was announced the Opposition blamed the Government's economic policies but when a trade surplus was announced they accused the Government of fiddling the figures.

It was not the Government but the Opposition itself which was in need of some creative accounting in support of its economic policies.

Mr Howard agreed. The Opposition was unwilling to recognize good news when it was thrust before them.

Dr Jeremy Bray (Motherwell South, Lab) said that there were suspicious circumstances that this change should apparently have occured just at the moment when the balance of payments would otherwise have slipped into deficit.

Mr Howard said the Opposition were questioning figures produced by CSO statisticians.

Mr John Townend (Bridlington, C) asked to what extent the Opposition's pessimism would affect the value of the pound.

Mr Howard thought that the markets were sufficiently used to the antics of the Opposition to be able to take their comments in an appropriate spirit.

Mr Bruce Millan (Glasgow, Govan, Lab) asked why the publication of these figures had been brought forward.

Mr Howard said that large changes became evident to the statisticians which they thought it would be right to bring to the attention of the public. He hoped that Mr Millan was not suggesting that inaccurate figures should be put forward.

Mr Robert Sheldon (Ashton-under-Lyne, Lab) asked if the statisticians had insisted that their revised figures should be incorporated in the trade figures.

Mr Howard said that he did not know if Mr Sheldon was suggesting that the Government ought to have told the statisticians to take their figures back.

Mr Alex Fletcher (Edinburgh Central, C) asked the minister to confirm that there had been no change in the relationship between trade ministers and the professional statisticians since the latter provided figures for Mr Smith when he was Secretary of State for Trade.

Mr Howard said that he could not say what the relationship had been between Mr Smith and the statisticians, but he could say that these figures had been brought forward by the statisticians and were not subject to any interference by ministers.

Mr Gow: Is it not clear that the minister and his department have in no way interfered with the statistics which came from the CSO? Is it not also clear from these exchanges that it is Mr Smith who apparently would fiddle the figures? (Labour protests and shouts of: Withdraw!)

The Speaker: I hope there is no question of anybody fiddling anything. In the interests of Christmas and good order, would Mr Gow rephrase that remark about fiddling?

Mr Gow: I thought the implication put by Mr Smith in his PNQ to the minister was that the minister had done so (renewed Labour protests and Conservative shouts of: They say so every week!).

Mr Howard: I have invited Mr Smith to say in the clearest possible terms whether he is making any allegation against statisticians at the CSO. That is a matter he has consistently refused to answer.

Mr Smith: On a point of order, Mr Gow made a suggestion that I would fiddle trade figures. I think in the circumstances he ought to withdraw such a totally unjustified allegation.

The Speaker: We often hear that phrase about fiddling figures in all kinds of contexts. I do not think Mr Gow was intending to impute any dishonour to Mr Smith. I gave him the opportunity to withdraw because I was anxious to move on in a good spirit today.

Mr James Callaghan (Cardiff South and Penarth, Lab): While no one would accuse the minister of fiddling any statistics, is it not fortunate, fortuitous, and a happy chance that every revision of figures published, whether in this field or employment, always redounds to the advantage of the Government?

Mr Michael Howard (left): Challenge to Labour on statistics. Mr Robert Hughes: Poor being sacrificed to market freedom. Mr Malcolm Rifkind: A generous pay offer to teachers.

Too little spent on the arts

HOUSE OF LORDS

The arts was a booming growth industry and making an important contribution to the national economy, yet public funding was ludicrously small, **Lord Donoughue** (Lab) said in the House of Lords when opening a debate on the need for better provision for the arts.

The respect and priority given to artistic endeavour was fundamental to the quality of life in society, he said. That might seem obvious, yet it needed stating in view of the low priority given to the arts by the Government.

It was striking how *isolated* the Government was on the issue and how *the Minister for* the Arts (Mr Richard Luce) was so *isolated as to be virtually* invisible. The Government had *apparently concluded* there were no votes in the arts.

Yet, in addition to the many tens of thousands working or dependent on the arts, more people in the United Kingdom went to the theatre, heard music and visited museums than watched football. Maybe there were more votes in it than the chairman of the Conservative Party (Mr Norman Tebbit) realized.

Public funding was about 0.003 per cent of national expenditure as a gross figure and as a net figure about 0.001 per cent or zero.

The alternative to increased *funding was to cease to be in the* international league, to cease to *have performers of inter*national calibre and to slip into *the second division.*

Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C) a former Minister for the Arts, said that pleas were heard year after year for more public provision for the arts, yet under this regime the arts had progressed and developed.

Lord Ritchie of Dundee (L) said that a voice to speak for the arts was needed in Cabinet, backed up by a department of state. That would offer more clout.

Lord Charteris of Amisfield (Ind) said that, as chairman of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, he could say that the Government had been extremely generous and provident. The fund had been given sufficient monies to fulfil the tasks given it by Parliament.

Only on rare occasion had they had to refuse assistance to projects for lack of funds

Changes to boundaries

A review by the Welsh Boundary Commission resulted in a decision to redraw the boundaries of six parliamentary constituencies to make them compatible with local government boundaries, **Mr Douglas Hogg,** Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, said in a debate late on Tuesday. He successfully moved approval of the appropriate draft order.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Criminal Justice Bill, second reading.
Lords (3): Family Law Reform Bill, second reading.

Benefit of bus freedom evident, says minister

BUSES

The results of the new freedom for bus operators were already visible, **Mr John Moore,** Secretary of State for Transport, said when the Commons debated the effects of bus deregulation. New services were being introduced and neglected corners of the market were being developed.

He moved an amendment to an Opposition motion calling for the repeal of the Transport Act, 1985, and its replacement with legislation designed to put the social and economic needs of the community and the travelling public in the forefront of public transport policy.

The amendment congratulated the Government on its *radical measures to arrest the* long-running decline of the bus *industry by abolishing outdated* controls and creating the con*ditions in which competition,* innovation and enterprise could flourish and provide better services, while enabling local authorities to obtain value for money in subsidizing socially necessary services, thereby putting the social and economic needs of the community and travelling public in the forefront of public transport policy.

The 1985 Act bringing in deregulation was an abject failure, **Mr Robert Hughes,** Opposition spokesman on Transport, said when moving the Opposition motion.

Those who depended on public transport for mobility – the elderly, women and children in large housing estates, and country people – were all being sacrificed in the pursuit of profit, he said.

All the evidence pointed to the situation getting worse as the months went by instead of there being any improvement. The Office of Fair Trading had already had 50 complaints of unfair competition and a test case on that was being prepared.

The frequency of buses in the early morning and evenings had been *drastically cut. On Sat*urdays and Sundays, services *had almost disappeared in many* areas.

Public reaction had showed the true level of dissatisfaction. *In Lancashire, there had been* 12,000 phone calls of complaint and requests for information and 1,000 in Tyne and Weir. The Bus Watch monitoring group had been inundated with letters of complaint.

Bus fares had gone up, both with direct fare increases and because many people had to take two or three buses to make the same journey instead of one.

Labour would make sure services that were provided at reasonable fares. There would be the widest possible local consultation. Local decision-making would be restored. Legislation would be based on service for the customer provided by directly elected local transport authorities.

Mr Moore said that the Government had made the most radical changes in the bus industry for 50 years. It had removed outdated controls that were crippling the industry and had sought to create the maximum possible potential for innovation and efficiency. At the same time, it had safeguarded the provision of socially worthwhile but commercially unprofitable routes.

A clear-sighted look at the bus industry *immediately identified* two kinds of service: those that were *commercially viable on* their own and those that were *socially necessary* but could not be operated without a subsidy. The Government said that the free market must identify which was which.

Under the new Act any licensed operator could run a bus route so long as safety standards were met. Competition was ever present and was having a remarkable effect on the efficiency of bus operators.

There was no compromise on safety under de-regulation. It remained the priority it always had been.

Mr George Howarth (Knowsley North, Lab), in a maiden speech, said that 67 per cent of all households in his constituency did not have access to the use of a car. Deregulation had many effects on his constituents, all of them for the worse. In some cases it made it difficult for them to seek employment. The lack of buses was beginning to have a deleterious effect on the local economy.

Vote against pay settlement 'a vote for disruption'

SCOTLAND

A vote against the government proposals to settle the teachers' pay dispute in Scotland would be a vote for a renewal of disruption in schools, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, said during Scottish questions.

He was commenting on information supplied by Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland, who said that the Scottish teachers' union, the Education Institute of Scotland, had voted against the proposals by 84 per cent to 16 per cent.

Mr Dewar said that the vote, in which 89 per cent of the membership took part, underlined the tragic blunder that the Secretary of State had made in refusing to honour the central financial recommendations in May.

He must take responsibility for the situation, which could easily lead to a return of confrontation and disruption.

It was essential that ministers should allow negotiations between employers and teachers. That was preferable to any imposed solution. The worst possible thing would be if ministers maintained their present diehard stance and pupils were asked to pay the price for that obstinacy.

Mr Rifkind said that he had yet to receive any official notification of the numbers or figures.

Scottish teachers had been offered one of the most generous settlements offered in the public sector in recent years.

"If it is the case that they have rejected the government proposals and if it is the case that the EIS leadership appears also at their recent general meeting to have rejected the Main report, it would appear that the only thing that has been voted for is renewal of disruption in the schools.

"The Scottish parents and the Scottish public would find any resumption inexplicable and unacceptable, particularly if it arises out of the government offer which is the most generous in the public sector in recent years."

Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife, Lab) said that if Mr Rifkind did not exercise some flexibility and humility in trying to get peace, stability and progress in Scotland's schools, the fault for the ensuing strike would be his and not that of teachers.

If the Education Institute of Scotland ballot had been against government proposals to settle the teachers' pay dispute, Mr Rifkind should cease to adopt a holier-than-thou attitude in blaming everyone except himself for the situation.

Mr John MacKay, Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, disagreed. He said that he and Mr Rifkind would study the details of the ballot. Although there had been a "no" vote, the door was still left open for negotiations.

"That is what we are urging and that is what all parents will be wanting."

Earlier, **Mr Michael Hirst** (Strathkelvin and Bearsden, C) asked Mr MacKay if he agreed that the decision of the Scottish Secondary Teachers' Association in seeking negotiations with ministers rather than resorting to strike action was infinitely preferable to the position of the other union, which had threatened disruption in Scottish schools.

Mr MacKay agreed.

Mr Dewar said that there seemed to have been an overwhelming vote of no confidence in the Government's proposals so it was desirable to find a way forward. Certainly that was the Opposition's view.

But the Opposition did not believe that it was possible for *the minister to argue for negotiations* and, at the same time, *impose such restrictive conditions on negotiations that* would amount to saying that the negotiations must produce the same result as the offer which had been rejected.

Mr MacKay said that Mr Rifkind had already stated the basis on which things could move ahead. The overall cost laid down and the timing of the two phases of the pay increase were not negotiable, but that still left a good deal of room for manoeuvre.

Sir Russell Johnston (Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber, L) said *that that was not good enough.* Mr MacKay must admit that the *Government had been wrong to* break up the Main proposals. The only *hope of keeping some* peace was to recognize that because the ballot result was a devastating rejection of the minister's proposals.

Mr MacKay said that EIS meetings were rejecting the Main proposals before Mr Rifkind had laid down on October 30 the basis on which things could move ahead.

So the EIS had gone a long way to throw out the proposals of this independent committee when Mr Rifkind had made clear that he accepted the main point of the proposals.

● **Mr Dennis Canavan** (Falkirk West, Lab) later unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate on what he called the greatest crisis to face Scottish education in its history.

Coal Industry Bill

Measure would give equal rights to the UDM

The following is a summary of yesterday's debate in the Commons on the second reading of the Coal Industry Bill.

The Coal Industry Bill, which will help to give the Union of Democratic Mineworkers parallel representation with the National Union of Mineworkers on coal industry pensions organizations and charities was given its second reading after the defeat of an Opposition amendment rejecting the Bill by 268 votes to 177 – Government majority, 91. The Bill was read a second time by 263 votes to 173 – Government majority, 90.

The debate was the occasion for a farewell speech by Mr Don Concannon (Mansfield, Lab), who said that there was political apartheid in Nottinghamshire where the UDM represented most of the miners. He urged the Labour Party to stop the rejection of loyal party members after 20 years' service because they were connected with the UDM. Mr Concannon is not standing at the next election.

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, moving the second reading of the Bill, said that it changed the name of the National Coal Board to the British Coal Corporation and would encourage the industry to be successful in improving its viability and its performance in production and marketing.

It was envisaged that over the next three or four years more than £2 billion of new capital investment would go into the industry.

The NUM had refused a recognized trade union any rights over the institutions, including the pension funds and welfare services, that its members had contributed to.

Mr Stanley Orme, chief Opposition spokesman on energy, moved an amendment opposing the Bill.

"Miners believe that this is a pit closure Bill. It is not a Bill for recovery."

Since 1979 there had been a loss of 100,000 miners. "The Bill before us continues that process. It sets the preconditions for further pit closures and further redundancies." Inherent within it was the privatization of the coal industry. Written into the small print was a disastrous expansion of nuclear power, an expansion this country neither wanted nor needed.

"This Bill spells doom to coalfield communities, not just in the peripheral areas, but central coalfields too."

The Bill was not dealing with the central points which the Opposition believed faced the industry. It ran contrary to a sensible energy policy.

Sir John Osborn (Sheffield, Hallam, C) said that the Bill would ensure that members of the UDM would have equal rights with the NUM on charities and similar institutions that had been set up for the benefit of all miners.

Mr Don Concannon (Mansfield, Lab) said that he was making his first contribution for 16 months after a motor accident. It looked as if it would be his last. It saddened him that it would, in part, be against his own Front Bench.

"No one can dispute what union represents the vast majority of mineworkers in the Nottinghamshire area. They have been working for their own legitimate rights of fair representation on the bodies that affect their members." The Bill provided fair representation.

"This has all been tried by negotiation but the NUM has consistently refused to recognize the reality of the situation. So the Government has had to act."

If the Bill helped to stop the intimidation that still went on between the two groups, then it was worth supporting.

"We have political apartheid in Nottinghamshire. Not only are UDM members not allowed to join the Labour Party but in certain sections even members of their families are not allowed to join.

"People are not being reselected, not because they have not done a good job for 20 years. It is just because they belong to a certain organization.

"I wish someone would pass this along to Walworth Road (Labour Party headquarters) because for two years some of us have tried to get this acted on but to no avail."

The UDM was certainly not going to go away. Threatening Nottinghamshire miners would not bring the results desired.

"They are not to be threatened or bullied and the intimidation that still takes place only makes them more determined to succeed."

It was said to find that the battle was being fought in the local Labour parties, not for the good of the Labour Party, but just for vengeance on people who took certain actions a few years ago.

"I have never considered myself to be anything else but a Nottinghamshire miner and I have done my best to look after their interests along with my constituents for nearly 21 years.

"Clause five, six and seven of this Bill are necessary if we are to start to bring some kind of sense and harmony to my area as well as a sense of fairness. I only wish we could turn the clock back.

"It is time somebody started the process of healing these wounds. If this is one way, then I am all for it. It saddens me that for the first time in 21 years I have had to speak against my party's actions on this Bill."

Mr Malcolm Bruce (Gordon, L) said that "Scargillism" had to be resisted. The country was the better because that kind of evil had been defeated.

Mr James Lester (Broxtowe, C) said that he paid tribute to Mr Concannon and recognized the brave speech he had just made. The House recognized his sincerity and the value of his contributions to the national effort.

Mr Spencer Batiste (Elmet, C) said that it was sad but not surprising that Mr Kinnock, who lacked the guts to stand up to Arthur Scargill until others had defeated him, now lacked the guts to support basic human rights in the trade union movement.

Labour wanted to deny UDM members all protection.

Mr Michael McGuire (Makerfield, Lab) said that he was at odds with many of his colleagues in his belief that there should have been a ballot before the last miners' strike. Until then the bedrock of the NUM had been its steadfast allegiance to that elementary test of democracy.

It was now time for the NUM to hold out the hand of friendship to the UDM. The way the UDM would almost wither on the vine was for the NUM to say there would never again be a strike without its being put to the test of a ballot. It was not in the interests of either union to allow the conflict to fester and grow worse.

Mr David Ashby (North West Leicestershire, C) said that Mr Kinnock let Arthur Scargill sleep on his lap. Only Mr Concannon had the courage to refuse to allow Mr Scargill to piddle on him.

Mr David Hunt, Under-Secretary of State for Energy, said he had obtained a copy of a document detailing a Labour Party meeting which said the sensitivity of the electoral position in North Nottinghamshire was appreciated and the importance of not alienating local members in the UDM recognized.

Free vote in Lords on homosexual bias Bill

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Labour peers will have a free vote next month on a private peer's Bill aimed at curbing pro-homosexual bias in some Labour-controlled schools.

It was disclosed yesterday that there will be no Labour whip on the Bill's second reading on December 18, which means that it stands a good chance of completing its passage through the House of Lords and going to the Commons. Many Labour peers sympathize with its aims, but are likely to abstain because of an unwillingness to vote for a measure aimed so precisely at left-wing local authorities.

Lord Halsbury, an independent peer and president of the National Council for Christian Standards in Schools, argued that his Bill will prevent local councils financing schools that actively promote homosexuality. It will also give parents the right to sue such councils. He saw homosexuality as a "disability", he said.

"The state of affairs among the 'loony left'-controlled councils is getting appalling. So-called heterosexuals are being victimized and some of them threatened with violence.

"The best way to tackle this is not through the Education Act, which is already a shambles because of the disagreement over sex education between Government ministers and their backbenchers. We say if you want to preach homosexuality – and that heterosexuality is a male-dominated perversion – you cannot do it on the rates."

He added: "I am anti-homosexual. Some of them are responsible people and some of them are not.

"These are the ones who indulge in exhibitionism, promiscuity, proselytizing and boasting of homosexual achievements."

The Department of Education and Science said it wanted to test the effectiveness of the new powers in the Education Act, which come into effect on January 7, before backing stricter controls.

Alliance housing policy

Spending boost of £2.8bn is planned

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

The Alliance yesterday sought to evoke the spirit of 1966 and the seminal television programme *Cathy Come Home* as it pledged itself to a £2.8 billion spending boost to overcome the country's housing problems.

The extra cash targeted on building new homes, repairs and insulation was linked to the launch of a national campaign aimed at making the Government's record on housing an issue in next year's local elections and the widely expected general election.

Party activists have been equipped with a detailed pack designed to highlight the claimed shortcomings of seven years of Tory rule and the Alliance recipe for generating homes fit for the nation's children.

Yesterday, its leaders castigated the Government for policies that had seen the number of homeless families nearly double over the seven years to 1985 from 53,000 to 94,000.

They pointed to a divided Britain in which those who had prospered under Mrs Margaret Thatcher were blissfully unaware of a stratum of society in which millions lived in homes in a "serious state of disrepair" or on souless estates.

Mr John Cartwright, the SDP housing spokesman, spoke of blocks of flats where the lifts are constantly out of order, where walls drip with damp and condensation and where graffiti and vandalism are the norm.

"It's no way to expect people to live in 1986 and yet hundreds of thousands of people are being forced to live that way because they are told money is not available to repair their homes and bring them up to standard."

Mr Simon Hughes, the Liberal housing spokesman, attacked Labour for its outdated commitment to new municipal housing, saying the Alliance would instead concentrate its energies on the renovation of properties and the creation of a partnership between public and private finance through housing associations and shared ownership schemes.

The Alliance said that the Government has cut capital spending on council housing by 60 per cent since 1979 so producing a 40 per cent drop in the number of completions. One and a quarter million householders were on local authority waiting lists and demand was continuing to outstrip supply.

Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, said that this winter hundreds of elderly people would die of hypothermia and cold-related illnesses because of poor housing, and children were also being put at risk.

"We owe it to our old people to improve the condition of the housing stock."

The Alliance is to campaign on a nine-point programme, which includes allowing councils to spend the £6 billion of receipts from council house sales now locked in their bank accounts, increased home improvement grants and a new deal between the public and the private sectors to revive the rented sector.

They would also give council tenants more control over how their estates are run. The Government's "right to buy" legislation would stay as would tax relief on mortgage interest, though that would be restricted to the standard rate.

The party's campaign was bitterly attacked as "shameless and cynical" by Mr John Patten, the Housing minister. Its instructions to activists were no more than an exercise in voicing "prefabricated indignation".

He added: "Shamefully, it seems to suggest deceit. It is full of complaints but no solutions. This is a campaign without a policy."

After the Chancellor's autumn statement, the Alliance is revising its spending plans. Yesterday, its leaders were unable to go into detail on how cash would be divided among the various growth areas.

Spanish fishing gap in law is to be closed

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Government is to close a newly discovered legal loophole which is once more allowing Spanish vessels to fish against valuable British quotas.

Operators in Plymouth and elsewhere have been buying up decrepit British boats and transferring their fishing licences to much larger Spanish-owned vessels which can then operate from British ports and in British waters.

According to a written parliamentary answer from Mr John Gummer, the fisheries minister, there are now 73 Spanish-connected vessels registered in the United Kingdom, 50 of them former Spanish vessels flying a British flag of convenience and 23 former British boats "beneficially owned by Spanish interests". The second category has increased by 17 in the past year.

After pressure from angry MPs, Mr Gummer has just announced a moratorium on the transfer of fishing licences from small boats to vessels of 80 feet or more. From January 1 legislation will be altered to invalidate licences belonging to boats that have not fished in the previous 100 days.

Mr Anthony Steen, Conservative MP for the Devon seat of South Hams, has described the present situation as a national scandal and called for licences to be limited to British citizens fishing from British boats. Mr David Harris, Tory MP for St Ives, said yesterday that the position was horrifying.

The number of Spanish-controlled boats registered in Britain had "shot up recently", he said, and he called for tough new legislation to tackle "the scandal".

"The Transport minister should have discretion to refuse to re-register a foreign boat if he suspects it is being transferred to the British register simply to gain access to our waters and fish quotas."

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries has repeatedly tightened legislation over the past five years, but each time the Spanish have discovered and exploited loopholes.

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Local authority finance: 1

Government launches its 'rates revolution' after 13-year struggle

The Government will today launch its plans for a rates revolution in Britain, starting with Scotland. **Robin Oakley, Political Editor,** *reports that the Cabinet's ideas are provoking controversy, inside and outside the Tory Party.*

The publication today of a Bill to set up a new rating system for Scotland, as a test bed for further legislation to follow for England and Wales in the next Parliament, marks the beginning of the end of a 13-year quest by Mrs Margaret Thatcher.

It has been her desire since 1973 to "do something about the rates" which she regards as monstrously unfair.

It was Mrs Thatcher's exasperation at the failure of her ministers in the last Parliament to come up with an alternative to rates that led her to bounce the Cabinet at their last meeting before the 1983 election into the politically expensive and time-consuming commitment to scrap the GLC and the six main metropolitan councils.

That decision cost Mr Patrick Jenkin, the former Secretary of State for the Environment, his career and established Mr Ken Livingstone as a national monument.

The Government's case against the present rating system is clear enough. Too few people pay rates, too many are insulated by rebates and subsidies from the impact of the spending decisions of those whom they vote into office. Under some high-spending councils in inner-city areas as few as 20 per cent of those with votes are paying rates.

In an electorate of some 35 million, about 21 million of whom pay income tax, there are only 18 million ratepayers, of whom at least three million have their rates met in full by rebates and many more of whom are subsidized.

Rates, paid only by the head of the household, bear only a limited relationship to ability to pay, particularly for single people living alone as compared with houses full of wage earners. They are not related to the use of services and are capricious in their effects between different areas.

The rating system, incomprehensible to most ratepayers, is based on imputed rental values for property which are now, in England and Wales, 13 years out of date and meaningless anyway as the rented housing market is now negligible.

More than half the rate income of local authorities comes from industry and business, who have no votes. The non-domestic rate raises some £7 billion, compared with about £5 billion from domestic ratepayers.

It is not only the inequity of the rating system which disturbs ministers, it is the disruption of the Chancellor"s calculations by local government spending which has led to a state of almost permanent warfare between Secretaries of State for the Environment and the town halls since the Government came to office in 1979.

The problem has been that almost every alternative considered has upset the Conservative Party or its supporters. Now that the Government has discovered the political will to begin replacing the present system it is set for a new period of turmoil within its own party.

Tomorrow: Government plans and the snags.

Boy's dreams come true

Gregory Perkins, aged 15, who was able to fulfil his most exciting ambitions before undergoing heart surgery, thanks to *The Times*, says the final part of his wish is to be visited by a celebrity (Angella Johnson writes).

Gregory, photographed with nurse Margaret Nicholson, left, and staff nurse Terri Collins, is now recovering from a heart by-pass operation in Brompton Hospital, south-west London.

Before the nine-and-a-half-hour operation he advertised in the newspaper asking people to give him the chance to fulfil his dreams.

In the months before surgery last week Gregory, of Bruton, Somerset, who was born with only three chambers in his heart, flew in Army and Navy helicopters and an RAF glider.

The Reith Lectures

Judges' dilemma in interpreting a Bill of Rights

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A Bill of Rights would involve judges in making policy choices which they cannot be trusted to do, Lord McCluskey, a High Court judge, said last night.

In a strong statement against such a Bill the judge, a former Labour Solicitor-General, said that it would "turn judges into legislators", which was not their job.

His remarks, made in his fourth Reith Lecture, broadcast on Radio 4, come only days after Sir Edward Gardner, Conservative MP for Fylde, has said he will bring in a private member's Bill which would effectively create a Bill of Rights.

His Bill, which is high in the list of private member's measures, will be the latest attempt to incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into English law.

Lord McCluskey said that a Bill of Rights was "inevitably a charter of enduring, superrights, rights written in delphic words, but indelible ink, on an opaque surface".

It "makes the mistake of dressing up policy choices as if they were legal choices" and asks judges, "whose job it is to know and apply the law, to create and reform the law".

Judges who interpret a constitution, as in the United States, cannot avoid choosing among competing social and political visions, and the "walls between the political and judicial systems become paper thin".

American judges had had to decide among other issues; if telephones could lawfully be tapped; if the mentally subnormal could be compulsorily sterilized; if minimum-wage laws could be enacted and if blacks and whites could intermarry.

Lord Denning, former Master of the Rolls, had called for judges to be trusted. They could indeed be trusted "not to fiddle the results"; to apply the law honestly to the case; to discover and enunciate new or revised rules of law and to make difficult choices.

They could even be trusted to make interim policy choices about what the law should be, pending action by the legislature, he said. "But there is no sound reason for trusting judges to make final policy choices."

Final policy decisions had to be made by "society as a whole" and "not by lawyers, however distinguished and upright they may be".

Man in the news

Rothschild was trusted by Wright

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

The full story of Lord Rothschild's role in arranging for Mr Peter Wright, the former senior MI5 officer, to collaborate on a book about suspected traitors in the security service by Mr Chapman Pincher will probably never be unravelled.

The head of Britain's most famous banking family served with MI5 only during the Second World War, but he kept in close touch with the intelligence world and maintained contact with Mr Wright, who emigrated to an isolated Arab stud farm in Tasmania.

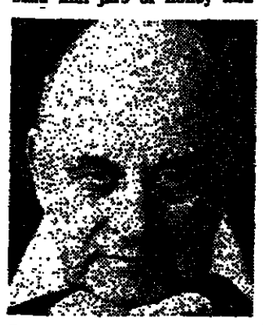
Mr Wright held him in some awe and sources who know them both say that Lord Rothschild went out of his way to be kind and helpful to him, knowing that he had to live on a very small pension.

Mr Wright served in MI5 for more than 20 years, but for much of that time he was employed only on a part-time basis.

Mr Wright was taken on as a scientific officer and was soon regarded by his superiors as an invaluable asset. He knew everything about gadgetry and many of the counter-espionage techniques used during his career with "the firm" were his inventions.

Lord Rothschild was also a scientific expert. During the Second World War he ran an anti-sabotage unit designated B1(c), in MI5. In 1944 he won the George Medal for defusing a bomb hidden in a consignment of Spanish onions.

One of his wartime roles was also to check all the cigars sent to Winston Churchill from abroad, in case they had been poisoned. People used to send him jars of honey and chocolate, which were also analysed.



Lord Rothschild — keeping quiet about his role

Lord Rothschild's wartime work with MI5 was secret and dangerous but, as he admitted himself, not nearly so secret as the role played by his one-time Cambridge University friend, the late Mr Anthony Blunt, who was later to confess that he had been a Soviet agent.

Lord Rothschild wrote in his book, *Random Variables*, published in 1984: "He (Blunt) became involved in highly secret work, so secret that the weeders will see that it is not disclosed, even after 30 years".

Mr Wright, obsessed with his conviction that MI5 had been penetrated by the Russians at the very highest level, knew he could trust Lord Rothschild.

Suspicion fell on anyone within the service who had been at Cambridge at the same time as Blunt and the other members of the notorious Apostles, such as Guy Burgess, but Lord Rothschild was cleared of rumours that he may have been the fourth man in the Cambridge spy circle.

It must have come as a welcome surprise to Mr Wright when Lord Rothschild invited him to come over to England to talk about the one subject which still consumed him — treachery inside MI5.

Mr Wright now claims that he believed the whole idea was sanctioned officially and that Lord Rothschild was acting as a government go-between.

Lord Rothschild, who has never kept a diary of his past exploits, has chosen not to break his silence about his part in the affair, but senior Whitehall sources continued yesterday to deny that official backing was given to the publication of the book, *Their Trade is Treachery*, by Mr Pincher in 1981.

Nathaniel Mayer Victor, third Baron Rothschild, is best remembered for the time when he ran Mr Edward Heath's Central Policy Review Staff, the Think Tank at the Cabinet Office.

Today Lord Rothschild is keeping out of the limelight while his name is being bandied about in court. He has no doubt decided against becoming embroiled in the political rumpus between Sydney and London about Mr Wright's book.

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Club ignored fire warnings says QC

By Ian Smith, Northern Correspondent

A large share of the blame for the Bradford football stadium disaster lay with club officials who ignored repeated warnings about the fire hazard, the High Court sitting in Leeds was told yesterday.

In his closing speech for the Health and Safety Executive, Mr Hugh Carlisle, QC, said strong attacks had been launched against both the safety executive and West Yorkshire County Council in its role as fire authority by counsel for the club.

Although the club had accepted liability by admitting the Valley Parade stadium was a tinderbox, it still argued that the fire, which killed 56 spectators, could not have been foreseen by the club.

Mr Carlisle said that the safety executive and the county council acted only in a supervisory capacity, making only brief visits to the ground, whereas club directors must have been constantly aware of the hazard.

He added: "I say that the club must bear the very largest share of the blame. They were creators and continuers of the hazard.

The hearing, now in its third week, is considering an action against the football club, the Health and Safety Executive and the now defunct county council, brought by Mrs Susan Fletcher, who lost her husband, son, brother-in-law and his father, in the fire.

Also trying to prove liability against the three parties is Police Sergeant David Britton, who was injured trying to rescue victims.

The case continues.

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Skids under the shaky NSC

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From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan's commission of inquiry into the National Security Council is likely to produce the most radical shake-up of this presidential advisory body since it was founded more than 30 years ago. It is virtually certain that short of disbandment — which looks unlikely — the NSC's power will now be sharply curtailed.

It will have to be more accountable, either to Congress or to the President, will be strictly limited to co-ordinating plans and weighing options, and will be forbidden to engage in any operations.

Meanwhile, President Reagan is about to name a successor to Vice-Admiral John Poindexter to head the NSC. He already named as

Hawk named to head inquiry

chairman of the inquiry Mr John Tower, a former Republican senator from Texas and chairman of the Senate armed services committee. He was named the US negotiator with the Russians in Geneva on strategic arms reductions, but resigned after a year. A strong conservative and hawk on defence issues, he is a firm supporter of the President. As chairman of the inquiry, he is unlikely to become NSC Director.

Others mentioned for the job include Mr John Lehman, the Secretary of the Navy, Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick, the combative former Ambassador to the United Nations, Mr Max Kampelman, chief US arms negotiator at Geneva, General Brent Scowcroft, head of the NSC under President Ford, and Mr Paul Laxalt, the outgoing Republican senator from Nevada and a close friends of Mr Reagan.

In the meantime the NSC is being run by Dr Alton Keel, Admiral Poindexter's deputy and a veteran government official. Described as a bright and hard-working staff man, he has seldom taken a visible leadership role himself, and went to the White House directly from a job as executive director of the presidential commission that investigated the accident involving the space shuttle, Challenger.

The NSC has had a troubled history under Mr Reagan. Four of its directors have resigned under a cloud: the first, Richard Allen, was accused of improperly accepting watches and other gifts from the Japanese. The second, Judge William Clark, was an outspoken anti-communist whose hardline views clashed with Mr Reagan's desire before the 1984 election to try to improve relations with the Russians.

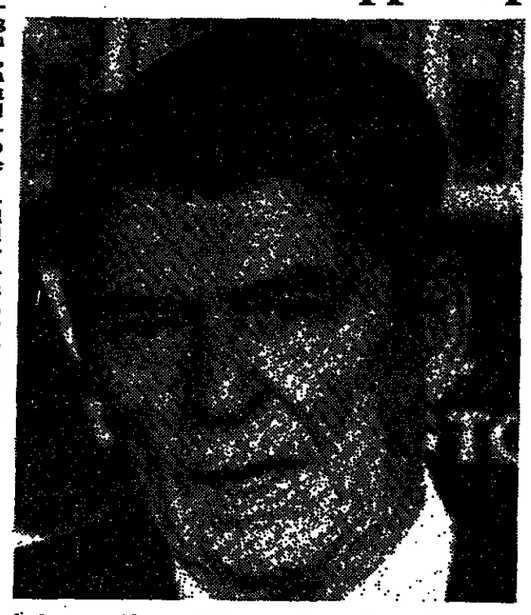
The third, Robert McFarlane, left in bitterness and frustration after lengthy and vehement clashes with Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, and a baseless smear campaign of rumours about his private life. Now Admiral Poindexter has resigned with the NSC at the centre of the worst crisis of the Reagan Administration and his whole handling of the NSC in question.

The presidential commission is likely to include many distinguished statesmen and former NSC officials, with such names as Dr Henry Kissinger, General Scowcroft, and Mr James Schlesinger, a former Defence Secretary and a former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Even before the Contra connection was revealed, Senator Sam Nunn, the influential Georgia Democrat, was calling for just such a "committee of wise men". But this alone will not now be enough to satisfy Congress.

Lengthy congressional hearings are certain, and further irregularities are expected to emerge. Some congressional leaders are already calling for a special prosecutor, along the lines of the Watergate inquiry. But Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney-General, has flatly ruled that out.

President Reagan is likely to look now at his own Cabinet team in the light of the crisis. His priority must be to restore credibility to those government departments that have felt undermined by the capers of Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North and the NSC, and particularly the State Department and the Pentagon.



Shultz may not stay much longer

Mr Reagan is unlikely, however, to make any further Cabinet reshuffles or to sack top officials — unless new evidence shows that others condoned the diversion of aid to the Contras without his knowledge. It is clear that at this stage any further attempt to sacrifice scapegoats would be counter-productive, and Mr Reagan is notoriously loath to dismiss colleagues.

Two big question marks nevertheless hang over both Mr Shultz and Mr Weinberger. The Defence Secretary, an ambitious man, has recently been eclipsed by Mr Shultz, and has lost influence in shaping arms control policy and negotiations with the Soviet Union.

Though himself opposed to the Iran arms deal, and unaware of the Contra connection, he may have the support of conservatives who are deeply unhappy with Mr Shultz's conspicuous lack of support for the President in the past three weeks. Many right-wingers would like Mr Weinberger to replace Mr Shultz.

Mr Shultz himself appears, for the moment, to have emerged from this fiasco with his own position strengthened and his credibility enhanced.

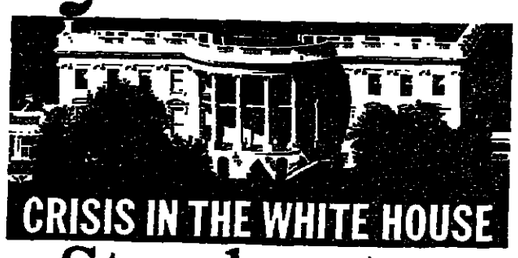
Nevertheless few people expect him to remain in office for long. The White House resentment is deep, and something of a vendetta against Mr Shultz has developed there.

The Secretary is likely to leave within two months. Possible successors have already been mooted, and include Mr Laxalt, Mr James Baker, the Treasury Secretary and Mr Howard Baker, the former Republican majority leader in the Senate.

The man whose position is one of the most precarious, however, is Vice-President George Bush. He has kept almost entirely silent on the whole Iran affair.

His display of loyalty obliged him to know nothing and say nothing. But he has already been implicated in the shadowy private groups supporting the Contras, and damaging links may now be disclosed which will raise questions of his judgement and knowledge.

If he is to remain a credible candidate for the 1988 presidential elections he must, at some stage, distance himself from this greatest disaster of the Reagan Administration.



Step-by-step march towards a muddled Mideast policy

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Key dates in the Iranian-Israeli-Nicaraguan Contra connection:

November 1983: Congress approves $24 million (£17 million) in covert aid to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels. But it bans further aid later in the year after the CIA helps Contras mine Nicaraguan harbours in violation of international law. Congress lifts this ban in late 1986.

June 1985: TWA flight 847 hijacked to Beirut. White House determines that Iran is crucial to release of American hostages in Lebanon.

July-August: Secret US-Iranian contacts begin through Israel.

August-September: First planeload of Israeli-arranged arms arrives in Iran.

September 18: The Rev Benjamin Weir, an American hostage, is released in Beirut. White House delays announcement several hours in the main hope that other American hostages will also be freed.

November: First known shipment of arms to Iran from Israel. But these were later returned to Israel for reasons not disclosed.

December 4: President Reagan announces resignation of Mr Robert McFarlane, his National Security Adviser.

December 6: Mr McFarlane meets Israeli and Iranian middlemen in London to discuss hostages and arms shipments. Throughout the winter there is increased pressure on President Reagan from the families of hostages to arrange their release.

January 7, 1986: White House policy review of Iranian role in the hostage situation. The Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, and the Defence Secretary, Mr Caspar Weinberger, oppose arms shipments to Iran to make contacts for freeing hostages.

January 17: President Reagan signs secret document, called "Finding," which authorizes arms shipments to Iran.

February: First US arms shipments arrive in Iran via Israel. Two aircraft, each carrying 45 tons of unknown cargo, make deliveries from an Air Force base in Texas to Tel Aviv.

May 20: Mr McFarlane visits Tehran secretly in aircraft full of arms to put out "political-diplomatic feelers."

July 26: The Rev Lawrence Jenco is released. The White House is again disappointed that more hostages are not freed.

August: Third US arms shipment to Iran via Israel. The White House indicates that more hostage releases are expected. Congress finally authorizes $100 million of military and humanitarian aid for the Contras.

September: Mr Frank Reed abducted in west Beirut on September 9. Mr Joseph Cicippio abducted in west Beirut on September 12.

October: Fourth reported US arms shipment to Iran via Israel.

October 5: Private supply plane, carrying arms for Contras and crewed by Americans, shot down over Nicaragua. Surviving cargo handler, Mr Eugene Hasenfus, arrested.

October 21: Mr Edward Tracy abducted in Beirut.

November 2: The hostage, Dr David Jacobsen, is released.

November 3: Pro-Syrian Lebanese magazine, *al- Shiraa*, reports that Mr McFarlane travelled secretly to Iran.

November 4: Mr Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, confirms Mr McFarlane's visit.

November 13: Mr Reagan defends Administration actions in televised speech.

November 16: Mr Shultz questions arms deal during a television interview.

November 19: At a press conference Mr Reagan says the responsibility for the decision and the operation is entirely his.

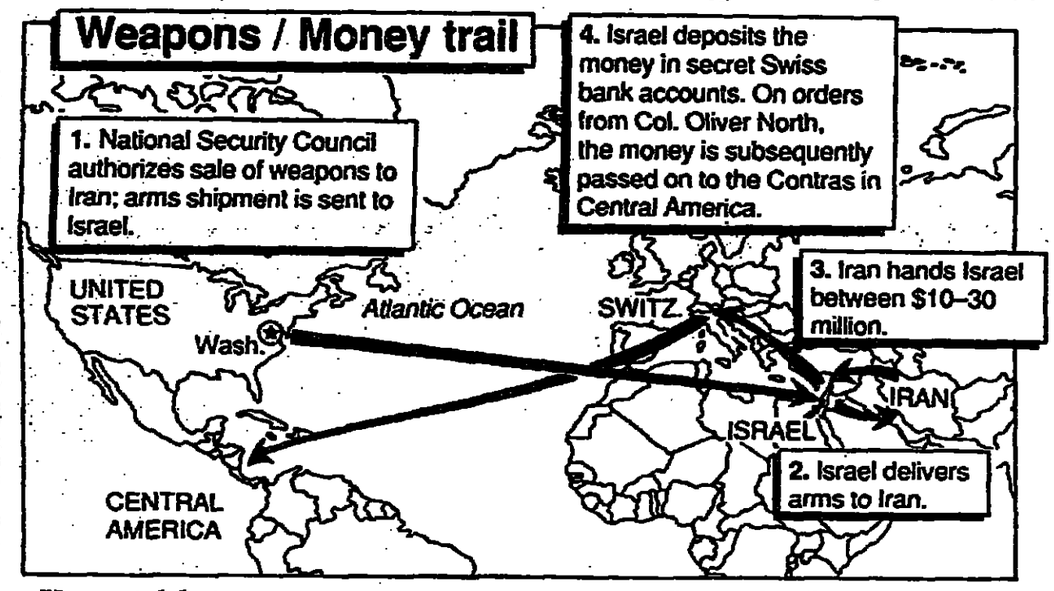
November 25: President Reagan announces that Vice-Admiral John Poindexter, his National Security Adviser, has resigned and that Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, an NSC official, has been dismissed after Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney-General, reveals that between $10 million and $30 million of Iran's payments for US arms have been diverted to Nicaraguan Contra-controlled accounts in Switzerland. Mr Meese is ordered to continue with his inquiry into the affair and the President sets up a commission to report on the working of the NSC.

The web of deceit

The web of deceit that led to the resignation of one senior Reagan aide and the sacking of another is illustrated in this diagram.

The National Security Council authorized the sale of weapons to Iran; arms shipments went to Israel and Israelis then delivered them to Iran. Payment was made to Israel and between $10 million (£7 million) and $30 million was deposited in secret Swiss bank accounts. On orders from Colonel North, the money was subsequently passed on to Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

As a result Colonel North was dismissed and his boss, the National Security Adviser, Vice-Admiral John Poindexter resigned.



Israel's role

Experts at swapping arms for hostages

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

With the arrival of Ayatollah Khomeini in power in Iran, Israel began looking for ways to persuade the new regime to allow the Jewish population, then some 80,000 strong, to leave. With the start of the Gulf War and Iran's need for weapons, a way was found.

Israel had, anyway, always been prepared to support Iran as the other non-Arabic state in the area.

At that stage, deals were being struck by government-authorized dealers, who were often ex-military or Mossad secret service men.

Among them was Yacob Nimrodi, who had served as military attaché in Tehran in the early 1970s and who had close Mossad connections.

In these dealings it is probable that the Israelis involved came into contact with CIA men working in Iran under orders to make contacts with anyone who would eventually be helpful in improving relations with Washington.

It was against this background that a meeting took place in the early summer of 1985 between Mr Robert McFarlane, then National Security Adviser, and Mr David Kimche, Director-General of the Israeli Foreign Ministry. At that meeting, Mr Kimche suggested that the United States might be able to win Iranian help in freeing its hostages in return for arms deliveries.

A series of meetings between the two took place and in September 1985 Mr Kimche was given the green light. The Israeli co-ordinator was to be Mr Al Schwimmer, the founder of Israeli aircraft industries.

By then the Sandi arms dealer, Mr Adnan Kashoggi, tipped off by the small fraternity of international arms dealers about what was happening, had come up with an Iranian shopping list.

A first delivery by a chartered DC 8 to Tehran failed to produce any hostages and Mr Nimrodi is said to have returned the $10 million he had been paid by Iran, saying he wanted men and not money. A second flight on September 14 was more successful and led to the immediate release of Benjamin Weir.

● TEHRAN: The Prime Minister, Mr Mir-Hossein Mousavi, yesterday dismissed as lies reports that Iran had received arms through Israel (Reuter reports). The daily, *Kayhan*, said he was commenting on "the effort by news imperialism" to establish Israel as the intermediary in the shipment of US weapons.

Knesset debate

Peres mum on details of his deal

From Our Own Correspondent, Jerusalem

"With pride", Mr Shimon Peres, the former Israeli Prime Minister, at last told the Knesset yesterday that Israel had delivered arms to Iran to help save the lives of American hostages.

Knesset members, who had heard the news from Washington more than 12 hours before, gave him a rowdy reception. But they allowed him to stay silent on details of the deal he agreed, along with Mr Yitzhak Shamir, who took over as Prime Minister last month, and Mr Yitzhak Rabin, Defence Minister.

Mr Peres denied "emphatically and categorically" that Israel had received even "one devalued groat" from the deals. He was equally firm in denying that he knew money from the sales was being sent to the Contra rebels.

There was barely a hint of any need to worry over the Israel-US special relationship. But there remains official concern that Mr Shultz could be replaced by Mr Caspar Weinberger, who is believed much less friendly to Israel.

"We will continue to fight terror, but remain concerned about the welfare of every hostage," he said. "I was proud that they released three American hostages ... we never sought any advantage for ourselves. Israel was asked to help. It did so. It was asked to do so with the utmost secrecy. That we did ... If we want to help our allies save human lives, we will. If we are asked to keep it a secret, we will keep it a secret."

Only four of the 25 coalition MPs were there, a sign that they did not want to be held responsible for something in which they had not been consulted. Mr Shamir was conspicuous by his absence.

Reagan's dilemma

Fatal lure of the Contra obsession

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

The Contra arms supply bombshell brings together two of the most intractable and contentious issues of the Reagan Administration: terrorism in the Middle East, and the attempt to put military pressure on the Sandinista Government in Nicaragua. The sensational revelations, however, have now inflicted a grave setback to US policy in both areas.

Support for the Contra rebels in Nicaragua has long been, in the words of congressional leaders, an "obsession" of President Reagan. And he has appeared increasingly frustrated as funds remained blocked and the situation of the fighters in the field steadily worsened. At the same time, Mr Reagan's frustration in the Middle East has also grown.

He was elected on the wave of anger and humiliation that Americans felt during the long captivity of the US hostages in Tehran. With the hostages released, however, he ignored Iran altogether for the first few years of his presidency, and concentrated instead on trying to build on President Carter's progress on the Arab-Israeli front.

The first setback here occurred when the Lebanese situation spilled over into full-scale war with the Israeli invasion in 1982. America was strongly critical of Israel, but was unable to influence the course of events. Then, US efforts to promote a separate peace treaty between Israel and Lebanon along the lines of the Camp David accords with Egypt collapsed. The US involvement led to direct confrontation with Syria and to the tragic loss of lives with the pro-Iranian Shia attacks on the US Embassy and the Marine headquarters.

The US involvement, however, had left a legacy of bitterness which soon manifested itself in terrorist acts. The most serious was the hijacking in June 1985 of the TWA flight 847 to Beirut. In the lengthy negotiations the Administration realized that Iran held the key. The release of the TWA passengers, however, still left several other Americans in the hands of the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad.

Already Mr Reagan had approved the approaches to his National Security Adviser, Mr Robert McFarlane, by Israel, who suggested that it could play a role in cultivating moderates in the Khomeini Government in the hope of stopping terrorism and influencing the captors in Lebanon to release the US hostages. Mr Reagan was told that only the shipment of some arms would be taken as a real token of US good faith in Tehran. It seems clear, therefore, that he gave tacit approval to Israel's effort to supply US arms to the Iranians. And despite vigorous objections from several senior Cabinet officials here, he decided in January this year that the US itself would send directly some weapons to Tehran.

Meanwhile, things were going badly for the Administration in Nicaragua. The Contras lacked arms, supplies and training. It was only a matter of months, Mr Reagan was told, before the Contras would cease to pose any military threat at all, and US leverage in forcing a change in Managua would be ended. Mr Reagan's dilemma, however, was that he could not legally do anything to help the Contras. Congress in 1984 had cut off all military help to the rebels in angry reaction to the CIA's mining of Nicaraguan ports. The White House, and especially Colonel North of the National Security Council, set about getting private American organizations to fill the gap. For although the law forbade government military support for the Contras, it said nothing about private mercenaries and individuals who headed fund-raising operations.

Meese to report on Iran arms fiasco

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that much of story came out.

Mr Meese said that first hints of the irregularities came in the course of a review of documents about the legality of the arms shipments. Justice Department officials discovered differences in amount between the funds paid by Iran and the cost of the actual weapons. They then found in other documents references to money being paid elsewhere. So far, they have not determined whether any criminal charges can or should be made. Nor has Mr Meese decided whether to convene a Grand Jury.

Congress, however, is already convinced that several vital laws were infringed. These include: the Arms Export Control Act, which regulates arms transfers and requires notification to Congress of arms shipments worth more than $14 million; the Export Administration Act, which prohibits the sale of goods to countries engaged in state-sponsored terrorism; the omnibus Anti-terrorism Act, which prohibits the transfer of commodities in excess of $1 million to any country engaged in terrorism; the 1947 National Security Act, which set up the CIA and requires Congress to be notified beforehand of covert operations, or, failing that, notification afterwards in "timely" fashion; the Boland Amendment, which specifically prohibits funds for military equipment for anyone trying to overthrow the Nicaraguan Government. This restriction was lifted in August.

White House in disarray over arms cash scandal

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Tuesday, has not yet been announced.

Congress has left no doubt of its outrage at these latest revelations. "The credibility of the President and his ability to govern are threatened," Mr Peter Rodino, the Democratic chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said in a letter to Mr Meese.

"An independent investigation is the only way to restore the confidence of the American people."

Senator Patick Moynihan, a New York Democrat, asked rhetorically: "Do you really think this whole thing was run by one lieutenant-colonel? How do you feel about the tooth fairy?"

Many congressmen have strongly attacked Mr Reagan's professed ignorance of the whole affair, saying it was inconceivable that he should not know the details of what his own White House staff and security advisers were doing.

But Mr Donald Regan, the White House Chief of Staff, insisted the diversion of funds had not been reported to him.

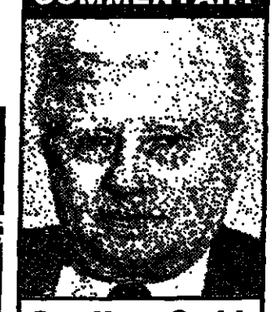
"Does the bank president know if a teller in the bank is fiddling around with the books? No.

Confusion has been added to the whole story by the flat denial in Miami by Adolfo Colero, a Contra leader, that his organization had received any of the funds described by Mr Meese.

Newspapers and commentators are increasingly comparing the scandal to Watergate. But Mr Meese yesterday said a special prosecutor would be appointed only if possible involvement by high level officials was found.

"In Watergate you had at least the allegation that people were trying to conceal things. In this situation both the Justice Department and the President have done just the opposite."

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

More than most presidencies Mr Reagan's has been a matter of confidence. His principal achievements have been psychological. Before the present crisis broke, he had restored the confidence of the American people and the standing of the presidency. After the traumas of Vietnam and Watergate, these were historic accomplishments.

But to emphasize their importance is to point to how much will be lost if his presidency is finally discredited. The psychological blow to the American people will be enormous. It will strengthen the tendency for them to turn in upon themselves.

For Britain and for the other allies there will be the additional frustrations of dealing with an impotent Administration. Other governments always prefer a strong President. They are then able to deal with someone in Washington with the power to determine what will happen.

As I travelled round the United States over the past few weeks, I was struck by the reluctance of many people to lose their confidence in Mr Reagan. Even among Democrats there was at first a widespread belief that he was personally invulnerable.

This attitude changed as the President began to offer such unconvincing explanations. Now his Administration stands on the verge of disintegration. American Administrations are customarily more loosely disciplined than British governments. But what is now happening far exceeds the traditions of American bureaucratic warfare.

Can resignations restore confidence?

It is in all our interests that Mr Reagan's team should recover confidence in itself and win back the confidence of the country. Can the resignation of Vice-Admiral Poindexter and the dismissal of Lieutenant-Colonel North be sufficient for this purpose?

Simply as a response to the latest twist in the saga — the diversion of money to the Contras — they may be enough. If it is true that nobody else of consequence was involved, then no other significant departures can be expected. If, however, it turns out that others at a higher level were implicated, then the consequences will be terrible.

But, in any event, Mr Reagan has to do more than apportion blame for this last misadventure. He needs a new managerial team to send the signal that he is determined to make a fresh start. This means that the roles of Mr George Shultz and Mr Donald Regan, the White House Chief of Staff, must be particularly in question.

Mr Shultz presents an especially difficult problem. It would look unfair for the Secretary of State, who was right, to be sacked by the President, who had refused to take his advice. It would also look indecisive for Mr Reagan to get rid of Mr Shultz when he has been insisting that he wants the Secretary of State to stay.

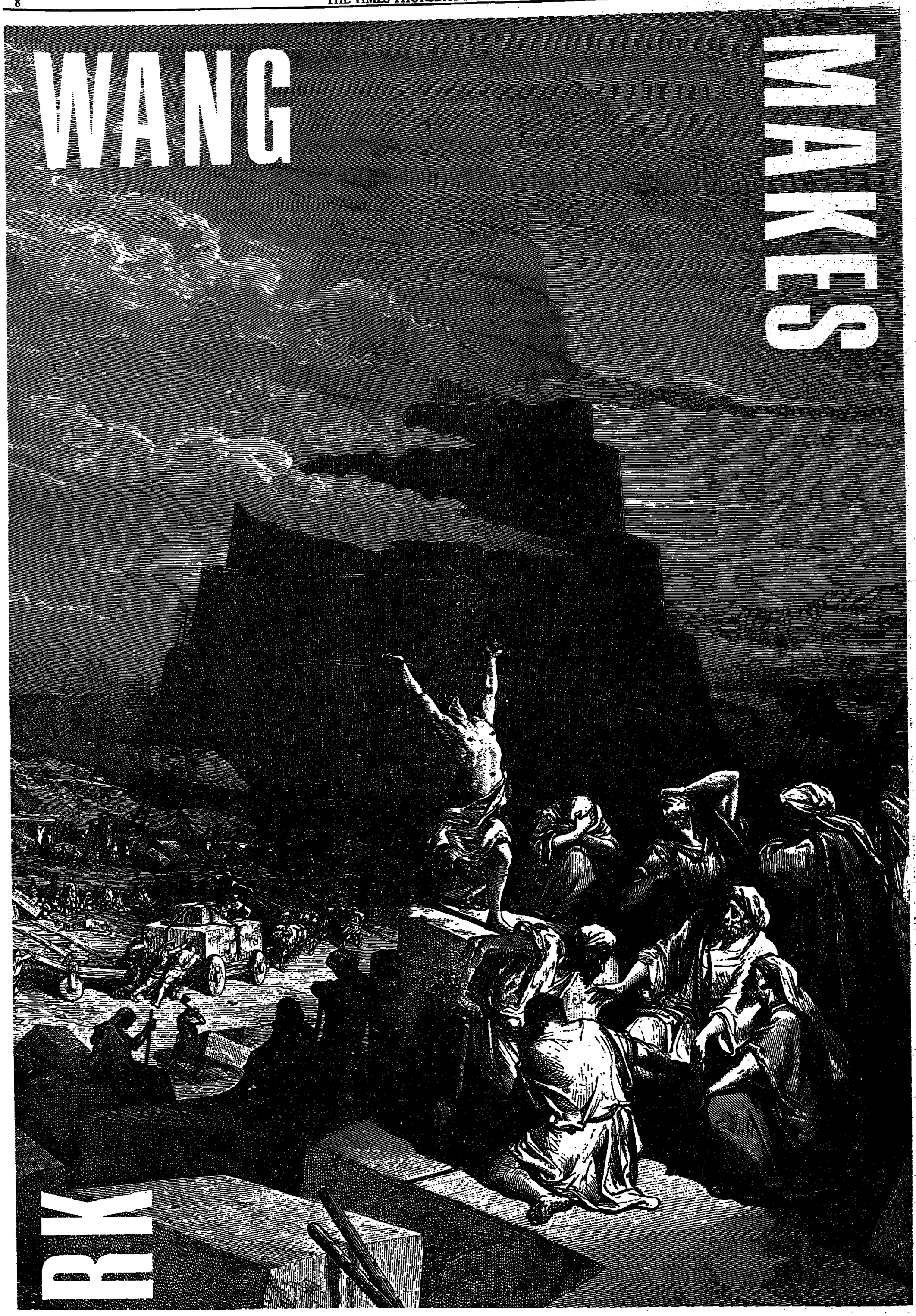
But Mr Shultz's part in the fiasco has been less than glorious. There have been conflicting accounts of how much he knew and when he knew it. But, while he opposed the arms deal, he does appear after losing that argument to have behaved as if it were possible for the Secretary of State to shuffle off responsibility for what he knew to be a disastrous enterprise in foreign policy.

Above all, Mr Shultz appears to be so disaffected that it is hard to see how he can work effectively again with Mr Reagan. The President cannot be changed, so it would be better if he were to have a new Secretary of State.

The case for a new Chief of Staff is simpler. Mr Regan supported the wrong policy on Iran, and he lacks the political judgement and style required to restore the equilibrium of a shattered Administration.

The best arrangement would be for Mr James Baker, the Treasury Secretary, who was such a steadying influence as Chief of Staff during Mr Reagan's first term, to become Secretary of State, and for Mr Drew Lewis to rejoin the Administration as Chief of Staff. When Transportation Secretary, Mr Lewis showed just the required combination of loyalty and independent judgement.

Nobody can be sure that any changes will be able to restore the credit of the Reagan Administration. But it will not be re-established without them.



And they said, Go to, let us build a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven;

And the Lord said. Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language... and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another...

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WORLD SUMMARY

Rebels agree on Manila pact

Manila — The Philippines Government and the Communist National Democratic Front (NDF) will sign a 60-day ceasefire agreement today as the first stage of what is hoped will be a long-term peace agreement (David Watts writes). The date will coincide with the birthday of the late Senator Benigno Aquino, husband of President Aquino.

The ceasefire, which will become effective on December 10, follows agreement reached yesterday on provisions covering safety and immunity guarantees, according to Mr Satur Ocampo, a former journalist who is one of the National Front negotiators.

The plan is to proceed to substantive discussions 30 days after the ceasefire comes into effect. These would come under the headings of human rights, people's welfare, national sovereignty and durable peace. The NDF is expected to set up an office in Manila for the talks, which now have the endorsement of the military.

An island no more

Bahrain (Reuter) — The leaders of Saudi Arabia and Bahrain yesterday formally opened a billion-dollar causeway between their countries.

In a speech on a man-made island half-way across the new link, the Emir of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa bin Salman al-Khalifa, left, named it the King Fahd Causeway in honour of King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, describing the 15½-mile causeway as "a symbol of solidarity . . ."

Soweto shacks go

Johannesburg — More than 100 squatter shacks were reported to have been destroyed yesterday in Soweto, the sprawling black township near Johannesburg, amid conflicting claims about who carried out the demolition work (Michael Hornsby writes).

The government Bureau for Information maintained that settled house-dwellers in the area, known as Mofolo, started tearing down the squatters' shacks, and that in turn they were attacked by the squatters. When police arrived on the scene, according to the bureau's account, stones and petrol bombs were thrown at them, and they had to use tear gas to disperse the warring factions.

Local residents claimed, however, that the police themselves either joined in the demolition of the shacks or at least made no attempt to stop it.

General barred

Lisbon — The Portugese Government has refused a visa to General Magnus Malan, the South African Minister of Defence, to visit the island of Maderia. He had been invited by a group of Madeira businessmen who are established in South Africa.

Festival discord

Vienna — The bitter wrangling of a trade dispute has engulfed the celebrated Salzburg music festival, with the famed Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra threatening yesterday to withdraw from the festival if it were not given a 40 per cent pay rise.

Harare hesitant

Harare — Evidence of Zimbabwe Government hesitancy to release its most formidable opposition figure from detention without trial emerged yesterday. The High Court heard that the Review Tribunal had, at some unspecified date, recommended the release of Mr Dumiso Dabengwa, aged 47, who has been in jail almost six years (Jan Raath writes).

Mr Justice Dudley Reynolds postponed the case to today and ordered Mr Canaan Dube, the state advocate, to "produce some reason for your lack of action".

Bokassa trial adjourns

Bangui, Central African Republic (AP) — The former Emperor Jean-Bedel Bokassa went on trial yesterday, but proceedings were postponed until December 15 after the prosecutor said that the case was not ready for trial.

During the stormy but brief opening session, the former Emperor repeatedly spoke out in a loud and firm voice, saying that he was grateful to the late French President Charles de Gaulle and the present Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac. He did not give reasons for his gratitude.

The prosecutor, Mr Gabriel Mbodou, surprised the courtroom with his admission that the four-page indictment accusing Bokassa of crimes ranging from embezzlement to murder and cannibalism needed more work. By agreement between Mr Mbodou and Bokassa's defence counsel, the trial was delayed to allow "further inquiries".

Britain protests at Pravda censorship

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Foreign Office has protested to *Pravda*, the official Communist Party newspaper, for its censorship of hard-hitting remarks by a British minister about Soviet failings on human rights during a lengthy interview with the newspaper's London correspondent earlier this month.

During the interview, Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, combined an exposition of Britain's stand on arms control with a stinging attack on the Kremlin's policy towards Soviet Jews, but the latter remarks never appeared in the newspaper.

Yesterday *The Times* obtained a transcript of the remarks which were censored from the article, which took up nearly half a page under the headline "What is London's Opinion?". British sources said the cuts demonstrated the strict limits to the Kremlin's new policy of *glasnost* (openness).

In the censored passage, Mr Renton told *Pravda*: "On human rights and humanitarian issues, I think it is very important for the Soviet Union to bring forward the discussion and resolution of these issues, because what I find most of all in Britain at the moment . . . is that people in the UK cannot understand why, if the Soviet Jew wants to leave the country to go and settle in the United States, or Israel, or the UK, he should not be able to do so quickly and simply.

"That, of course, applies even more to those who are held in detention camps where we see no reason for them to be. The Soviet Union, if it wishes to present itself in a more favourable light, as I am sure Mr Gorbachov does to the Western world, I do believe it is very important that your country should adopt a policy in terms of allowing freedom of movement and freedom to leave the country that is fully consistent with the Helsinki Final Act, to which the Soviet Union is a party." Also censored was the reply of the interviewer, Mr Arkady Maslennikov, who likened the position of the refuseniks to that of a British nuclear specialist who told him she was unable to attend conferences abroad for security reasons. "There is no problem of allowing Jews, or anybody as such, not to leave. It is only a problem of security," the *Pravda* correspondent said.

He added, according to the British transcript: "On the humanitarian ground, everything is being sorted out. Maybe it could be more speedy, more efficient."

Pravda also cut all reference to Mr Renton's response. "You really cannot expect that answer of yours to hold water," he told Mr Maslennikov. "It does not hold water because I know a number of committees and delegations who come into here and say to me 'We have these long lists and the names of those Soviet Jews who simply wish to leave the country.'

"They are not in important strategic jobs, they are not in prison camps. They just wish to move, to leave, to go and join their relatives in the United States, to go to Israel."

The interview was accompanied by a critical *Pravda* commentary which attacked Britain's stand on arms control, but made no reference to the issue of human rights.

Defence takes its stand on identity issue in 'Ivan the Terrible' trial

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

The state of Israel opened its case yesterday against Ivan John Demjanjuk, the man it claims is "Ivan the Terrible," the mass executioner at the Nazi death camp of Treblinka.

For much of the proceedings in the Jerusalem district court, the defendant, aged 66, appeared in considerable distress, sometimes standing, sometimes sitting, holding his stomach, rocking back and forth or dabbing at his eyes with a handkerchief.

He looked relieved when the 45-minute hearing ended and he was told that the case would be adjourned until January 19.

The Supreme Court president, Mr Dov Levine, entered a plea of not guilty to the long indictment after Mr Mark O'Connor, the defence lawyer, had protested at length but in vain that he was not yet in a position to make a plea.

Mr O'Connor spent most of the hearing protesting in vain. His client did not understand what was going on, he said, because he had needed medication after being brought to the court because he suffered a series of accidents in the van that brought him there from the prison. His head had repeatedly been banged against the sides of the vehicle, he explained later, because he was shackled hand and foot and could not keep his balance when the driver braked.

His client did not understand what was going on, Mr O'Connor said, because the only interpreter being offered to translate proceedings into his native Ukrainian was a police officer who was also a prosecution witness. That was obviously unsatisfactory.

Mr O'Connor had found it impossible to understand a lot of the written prosecution evidence, which had not even been translated into Hebrew, let alone English. He did understand there was not enough money available to the court to pay for all the evidence to be translated.

All this meant, he went on, that he was merely a spectator of what was going on. His client backed him up. "I don't understand everything because nobody read them in Ukrainian," Mr Demjanjuk said in English when asked if he understood the indictment.

Mr O'Connor interpreted this to mean, not that his client did not understand the charges but that he did not understand their legal implications. He asked that the charges should not be read out.

Mr O'Connor said he did not contest 95 per cent of the facts set out in the indictment. "The crimes of Hitler are well known. The crimes of Treblinka are well known. But we are not going to admit those," he said.

"The point is this is not the man of the indictment," he said, pointing at Mr Demjanjuk, sitting crumpled between his two guards.

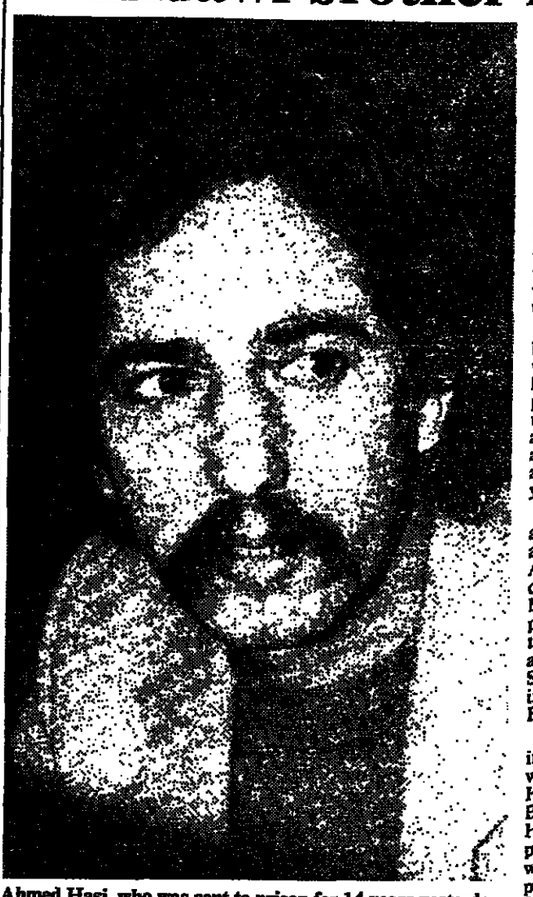
Mr O'Connor asked for a "threshold trial" to settle the question of identity and so save Israel the expense of a show trial.

"This defendant is helpless in the power of the state of Israel. We are helpless before you," Mr O'Connor told the bench.

Mr Levine took it all as a plea of not guilty. He promised to provide translations of any documents requested by the defence and adjourned the hearing.

The Foreign Office yesterday rejected demands by a Conservative MP for a more vigorous approach to Israel for information on the nuclear technician, Mr Mordechai Vanunu (Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes). Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State, told Mr Dennis Walters, MP for Westbury, there would be no further approach.

Hindawi brother is jailed



Ahmed Hasi, who was sent to prison for 14 years yesterday for his part in an attempt to bomb offices in West Berlin.

From John England, Bonn

A court in West Berlin sentenced two Jordanians to long prison terms yesterday for a bomb attack in the city with explosives that the judge said were supplied by the Syrian Embassy in East Berlin.

West Berlin justice authorities also issued an international arrest warrant for a man described as a Syrian military intelligence official, who is alleged to have brought the bomb from Syria.

Ahmed Hasi, aged 35, a brother of Nezar Hindawi who was sentenced in London last month to 45 years in prison for attempting to blow up an El Al airliner, was given a 14-year sentence. His accomplice, Faruk Salameh, aged 40, was sentenced to 13 years.

Both were found guilty of attempted murder by causing an explosion at the German-Arab Friendship Society's centre in West Berlin on March 29, which injured nine people. They had confessed to the attack and told police that a Syrian named Haytham Saed had given Hasi the bomb in a suitcase at the Syrian Embassy in East Berlin.

Saed, the man named in the international arrest warrant, was also mentioned during the Hindawi trial. In the West Berlin court yesterday, Herr Hans-Joachim Heinze, the presiding judge, said Hasi went to the embassy after a pre-arranged telephone call from Saed and collected the bomb from him.

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Crucial test for racial peace

Whites' veto threatens progress in Natal on getting rid of apartheid

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The Natal *indaba*, widely seen as South Africa's last chance to show that a negotiated settlement of the country's racial conflict is still possible, entered a crucial stage when it resumed in Durban today amid reports of serious disagreement over the issue of minority rights.

Since April 3, delegates from 37 organizations, representing all race groups, have been meeting, on average once a fortnight, in the city hall, and are now tantalizingly close to agreement on a working model for South Africa's first fully multiracial provincial government.

The aim of the *indaba* (the Zulu word for a tribal conference) is to merge the white-occupied and KwaZulu tribal homeland areas of Natal into a single apartheid-free entity represented by a legislature elected on a one-man-one-vote, proportional representation basis.

The most important black participant in the *indaba* is the well-drilled Inkatha organization of the conservative Zulu leader, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, who is a force to be reckoned with in Natal, where 78 per cent of the 6,620,300 inhabitants are black and predominantly Zulu.

Also taking part are the anti-apartheid Progressive Federal Party, the main parliamentary voice of white liberalism, several mixed-race Coloured and Indian parties, and various business, professional and cultural organizations, including several representing Afrikaans-speaking and English-speaking whites.

President Botha's ruling National Party was invited to take part, and after some hesitation warily accepted observer status instead. Pretoria appears to be waiting to see what the outcome of the *indaba* is before committing itself.

The ingenious model now being discussed by the *indaba* envisages a two-house legislature. The first house, of 100 seats, would be elected on a proportional basis, and the party which won 51 per cent or more of the vote, and hence of the seats, would supply the Prime Minister.

A West German shipyard, Howaldtswerke-Deutsche Werft of Kiel, which is alleged to have sold South Africa submarine blueprints, is being investigated on suspicion of having broken arms export laws, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, said yesterday (Our Bonn Correspondent writes).

The Prime Minister would be entitled to fill half the Cabinet posts from his own party. The other half would be allocated to other parties in the house in proportion to their share of seats. The Prime Minister would thus command half the votes in Cabinet plus his own.

The second chamber, as currently conceived, would have 50 seats in which r presentatives of five "cultural backgrounds" – Afrikaner, English, black African, Indian and "general" – would be allotted 10 seats each.

For the most part, the second house, like the British House of Lords, would only have the power of delay. But in the case of legislation affecting the cultural, religious or language rights of any group, 41 of its 50 members would have to vote in favour.

By this mechanism, devised to appease whites and mainly Afrikaner whites, any one group would have an effective veto over such legislation. It is over this proposal that the *indaba*'s hitherto miraculously maintained consensus is in danger of cracking.

Indian and Coloured participants are threatening to walk out over the issue. The Indians, who account for 11 per cent of Natal's population, ask why whites (9 per cent) should, in effect, have a double veto, one exercised through the Afrikaner group and one through the English group.

A Coloured delegate, Mr Pieter Marais, complained this week that the *indaba* was turning into "a Zulu-Afrikaner pact", and that Coloureds (2 per cent of Natal's population) were being treated as "non-entities".

If the *indaba* can resolve its differences, it would put Pretoria on the spot. Mr Botha would have no convincing reason for not allowing Natal to go its own way, other than his ingrained reluctance to see apartheid disappear completely in even one part of South Africa.

Amy Carter, student daughter of the former President, talking to some of 60 other demonstrators in a court at Northampton, Massachusetts, yesterday. She pleaded not guilty to charges in connection with a sit-in at the University of Massachusetts on Monday against CIA campus recruiting. The judge ordered her to attend a "pre-trial conference" on January 28.

Parking fine scandal in New York

Democrats fear more corruption trials

From Christopher Thomas
New York

New York City's political establishment was in shock yesterday following the conviction of the Bronx Democratic leader on racketeering and bribery charges.

With a rash of FBI investigations now under way, it seems that the greatest political scandal in decades has only just begun.

Mr Stanley Friedman, for years one of New York's most powerful politicians, faces up to 30 years' imprisonment for his role in a racketeering enterprise that transformed the Parking Violations Bureau, which collects millions of dollars a year in overdue parking fines, into a gold mine of personal profit.

He was convicted with three others on Tuesday, following an eight-week trial in New Haven, Connecticut.

The Mayor of New York, Mr Edward Koch, declaring himself "naive" for trusting Mr Fieldman and others tainted by the scandal, has risen skilfully above the affair.

His friend, Mr Donald Manes, the former Queens Borough president, committed suicide earlier this year by plunging a kitchen knife into his chest after being implicated in the scandal.

So many Bronx Democratic leaders are now under investigation by the FBI that there is a dearth of candidates to succeed Mr Friedman as the Queens Democratic boss.

He did not immediately resign, but party leaders made it clear that he would be fired if he did not do so. There was talk yesterday of going outside the party's tightly-knit organization and choosing a retired judge to establish an image of integrity.

With the Friedman trial out of the way, law enforcement agencies say a new round of corruption cases will come forward.

Mr John Hogan, director of the New York office of the FBI, said corruption inquiries would continue for several years. He knew of several important cases in the works. "This will not go away. This will blossom," he said, with obvious delight.

Mr Koch announced that the city would sue more than a dozen people involved in the Parking Violations Bureau scandal for as much as $10 million.

The wife of the late Mr Manes is negotiating with city officials about returning bribes paid to her husband. She has a job with the city but the mayor steadfastly refuses to sack her.

The others convicted were Lester Shafran, former director of the Parking Violations Bureau; Michael Lazar, a real estate developer and former city transportation administrator; and Marvin Kaplan, chairman of Citisource Inc., a company chosen to manufacture handheld computers to issue summonses for the Parking Bureau. Sentencing has been scheduled for March 1.

Paris joins Pacific nuclear curb pact

From A Correspondent
Tokyo

France made a big step forward towards a Pacific zone free from nuclear contamination when it signed on Tuesday a treaty with the United States, Australia, New Zealand and the small South Pacific islands aimed at eradicating nuclear and all other pollution from the region.

The French, who exploded a 20-kilotonne nuclear device on Mururoa Atoll only days before the treaty meeting began, have now committed themselves to prevent, reduce and control pollution which might arise from such tests.

Officials who attended the meeting in Noumea, New Caledonia, said the agreement paved the way for strict independent monitoring of the effects of any further French nuclear tests.

Delegates at the meeting burst into applause at the French decision, made after years of French insistence that its nuclear tests had no dangerous environmental effects.

The officials said that clearance for the decision had come direct from President Mitterrand and that it was in part intended to improve the country's bad political image in the region.

The US had agreed before the meeting to stop its own insistence that it reserved the right of nuclear dumping in the South Pacific.

A spokesman for the United Nations Environment Programme, which helped bring the nations together, told reporters here after the meeting that the treaty will cover a 200-mile limit round every island, which effectively covers most of the high seas in the South Pacific.

Gulf War stepped up

Fears grow of Iran naval blockade

By Robert Fisk, Middle East Correspondent

Iran is expected to increase its harassment of merchant ships entering and leaving the Gulf after the Iraqi air raid on the Larak island oil terminal, sending more naval gunboats into the Strait of Hormuz to stop, search and confiscate the cargoes of vessels travelling to and from Arab ports.

Some shipping officials in the United Arab Emirates even fear that Iran may contemplate closing the strait altogether, provoking a major international crisis, if further Iraqi raids on Larak strangle Iranian oil exports.

The Iranian missile attack yesterday on the centre of Baghdad, the third in a week and by far the bloodiest so far, showed just how fiercely the Iranians now choose to retaliate for Iraqi attacks on their cities.

An increase in Iranian naval operations off Hormuz is likely to be an immediate result of Tuesday's Iraqi raid on Larak, calculated to send shock waves through the Arab Gulf states which rely on the narrow waterway for the export of their own oil.

At least 48 civilians, including 17 women and 13 children, were killed when the Iranian Scud missile landed in the centre of Baghdad, according to Iraqi radio.

The Iranians said that their missile had hit an "intelligence headquarters". They said it had been fired in retaliation for Iraqi air raids on Iranian cities in which, they said, 112 people had died.

A statement by the Revolutionary Guards headquarters in Tehran gave a warning that Iran was "capable of launching missile attacks on industrial, economic and intelligence centres in all Iraqi cities" if Iraq "did not stop its criminal acts".

While there was no confusion about the missile explosion in Baghdad, however, a number of important questions remain to be answered about other attacks in the Gulf this week. Not least of these is how Iraqi jets managed to stage their attack on Larak, hitting three oil tankers and setting one of them on fire, during a round-trip journey of at least 1,400 miles.

Western shipping sources in the Gulf are now convinced:

- that the Iraqi jets landed in an Arab state, quite probably Saudi Arabia, to refuel on their way to and from Larak. Press reports that the Iraqis were refuelled in mid-air by their own aircraft are being ridiculed by several diplomats in the Gulf who say that the Iraqis are incapable of performing so sophisticated an operation.
- that the attack on an oil rig off the United Arab Emirates on Tuesday was carried out by Iraqi jets and that the bombing, in which five foreigners, including Frenchmen, Pakistanis and an Indian died, may have been deliberate.
- that Iranian oil shipments will continue despite the Larak raid, but that with winter storms disrupting shipping at Hormuz, oil exports could be reduced seriously in the coming weeks, placing a severe new strain on Iran's economy.

One of the three tankers hit in Tuesday's raid was still burning yesterday afternoon although fires on board an Iranian vessel, the "mother" ship Tabriz, which is used as a floating oil storage depot, had been put out. Radio reports of wreckage and rubble on Larak Island are untrue, since the island is merely an uninhabited sand dune that gave its name to the terminal.

The dramatic developments of the past two days, however, appear to have been staged more for their effect on public morale than on furthering the course of the war.

British warships will increase patrols

From Peter Davenport, Muscat

Royal Navy warships have been ordered to increase their patrols in the sensitive waters of the Gulf, it was disclosed yesterday as hostilities between Iran and Iraq reached new heights.

They have been instructed to make more frequent patrols and to maintain a higher profile in an attempt to provide protection for British ships and seamen.

The new orders were disclosed yesterday by the Secretary of State for Defence, Mr George Younger, who was in Muscat after visiting a joint British-Omani military exercise.

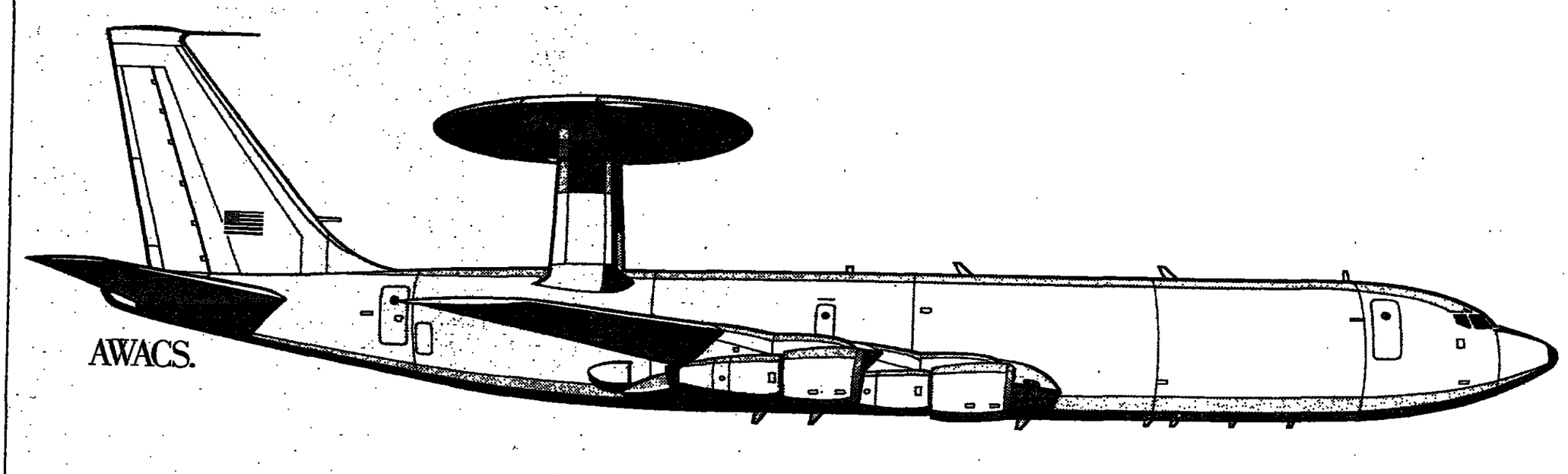
"The objective is to make it clear that we are there, within reach, should the need arise," he said.

"If British ships and people get into difficulty, the Royal Navy will be there to render assistance. We will not interfere with normal activities, but if there is some distress, difficulty or disaster involving a British ship then you have the Royal Navy somewhere nearby."

The Navy has maintained its patrols in the Gulf for several years. Currently the destroyer Nottingham and the frigate Andromeda, backed up by the Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessel Orange Leaf, are undertaking the task.

They have been contacting Iranian Hercules aircraft flying over the Gulf and identifying themselves, a tactic which, it is believed, can often prevent an attack on merchant ships in the immediate area.

The two warships have been involved in the military exercise in Oman, but are expected to return to their patrols within the next few days.



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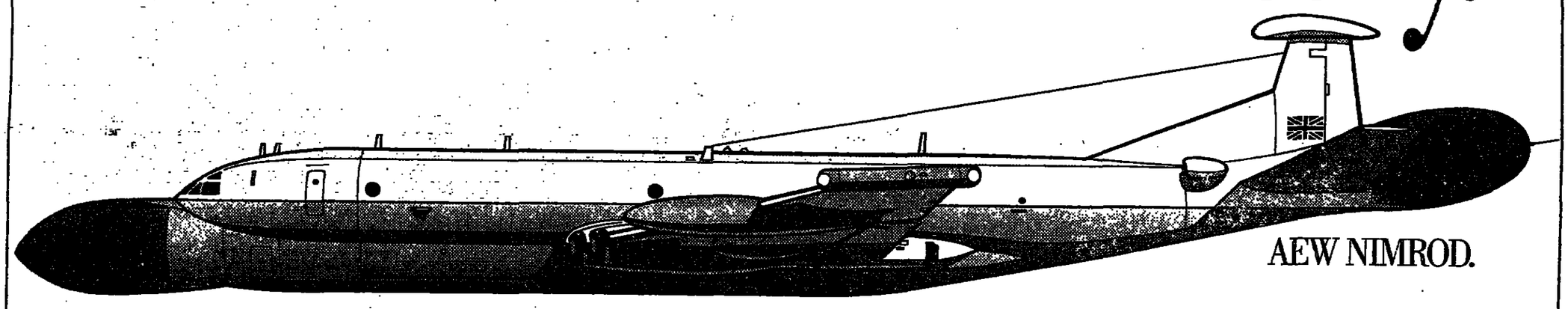

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The MI5 spy book hearing

Judge suggests British security sensitivity often 'just stupid'

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

Whitehall mounted yesterday a new phase in its campaign to withhold confidential documents from the MI5 book trial here, to the evident chagrin of the judge, who has twice ordered that they be produced.

The British Government's attempt to seek refuge behind a legal shield – that the papers are so secret that they are immune from public interest concerns and should not even be shown to the judge himself – brought from Mr Justice Powell a rebuke about the implied insult that his court was not "leakproof". He also observed that it was "abundantly clear to everyone that Whitehall was doing its damnedest to stop anyone getting near the documents."

Mr Justice Powell has expressed concern about the British case before, but never so fully as yesterday. He repeatedly brought Mr Theo Simos QC, counsel for the Government, back to points which he said "puzzled" him.

In the process, he again voiced suspicion that a sworn written answer given to the court by Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, was false, and questioned whether British security sensitivity was not "just stupid".

The judge, himself a former officer in Australian Military Intelligence, indicated that hewould treat the secret papers with proper respect and found it "offensive" that he was being told he could not inspect them.

Late in the day, Mr Simos appeared to take a step back, stating that the British Government would have no objection to the judge examining the documents. But Mr Simos said he would seek leave to appeal if the judge still insisted they be shown to lawyers for Mr Peter Wright, whose book Whitehall is seeking to have suppressed.

A ruling on the papers is expected today, after which Mr Wright's counsel, Mr Malcolm Turnbull, will resume his cross-examination of Sir Robert *in camera*.

Exactly what the documents are is stated on a secret list in a sealed envelope deposited with the judge.

In an affidavit filed last Sunday, Mr Christopher Mallaby, Deputy Secretary at the Cabinet office, said disclosure of the papers would endanger British national security by identifying serving and past members of MI5; revealing details relevant to current MI5 operations; identifying sources of information; and identifying people who had been investigated by the service.

Mr Turnbull submitted that at least three of the documents were "enormous whales in the bay" which went to the heart of the British case.

The judge went back to the affidavit. He found it difficult, he said, to get to grips with Mr Mallaby's proposition that disclosing the identity of agents was necessarily detrimental to national security.

He had been reading *A Matter of Trust* by Nigel West and found it "replete with instances of agents being named, and of informers and defectors being named, of operations being described both by codename and nature".

The question that worried him about cases like this was whether there was a degree of over-reaction. Some instances of security sensitivity were "just stupid".

Then Mr Justice Powell returned to a subject which has troubled him before – the British answer as to why it did not try to restrain publication of *Their Trade Is Treachery* by Chapman Pincher (Sir Robert says it was decided there was no basis on which to suppress it).

The judge proposed a hypothesis that the list of documents included an internal government letter saying that the case was "a political hot potato" but that it could be won on the law.

He added: "I am faced with a puzzle which I still have not been able to sort out in my mind, how on Earth could anyone have given that advice?" (that there was no basis for restraining the book).

Mr Simos said the British case would stand or fall by its contention that disclosure of information by a security service "insider" was what constituted the risk. It did not follow that because Whitehall had not interfered with books by "outsiders" like Mr Pincher, it should be deprived from obtaining an injuction against an "insider" like Mr Wright.

The judge then took up the question of how authoritative an insider might be.

"If out there is material which suggests Mr Wright was among a group which got so bemused by the exotic of intelligence-gathering, and it could be demonstrated that he would believe anything so long as it supported his hypothesis – what damage are you going to get by publication by an insider?

"Assume Mr Wright is a slightly dotty old gentleman in an advanced state of Alzheimer's disease – could there be the slightest danger from ramblings from a demented old man?"

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov and his wife, Raisa, planting a magnolia sapling in the memorial park in Delhi which marks the place where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated.

Soviet defectors refuse offer to return home

From John Best, Ottawa

Five defectors from the Soviet Army in Afghanistan have rejected an appeal from the Soviet Government that they end their asylum in Canada and return home.

At a press conference in Toronto, members of the group described atrocities they had seen committed by the Russians in Afghanistan, and said that morale among the troops was poor.

"They do not want to fight," said Mr Sergei Busov, aged 22, who was a driver-mechanic with the Soviet forces.

The five were spirited out of Afghanistan last week after being held prisoner by the Mujahidin resistance fighters for periods of between three and six years, and brought to Canada on Thursday from Pakistan.

The Canadian authorities have refused to release any details of the top-secret rescue operation which, according to some unconfirmed reports, involved the British intelligence agency, MI6.

On Tuesday, at a Canadian immigration office in Toronto, the five were confronted by two officials of the Soviet Embassy from Ottawa who had asked to interview them. A representative of the Canadian External Affairs Department was present.

The officials assured them that nothing would happen to them if they accepted an offer to return home, and said that three other Soviet army deserters who had gone back to the Soviet Union from Western countries were now living happily with their families.

The five turned the Soviet officials down point-blank.

They denied having taken part in atrocities in Afghanistan, while acknowledging that such activities were common. Mr Vladislav Naumov, aged 24, a paratrooper, recalled one Soviet operation in which 98 Afghan civilians were killed. "Only one of them was a guerrilla."

The five have been granted special permits allowing them to remain in Canada

Pope pleads with erring Catholics to return

Sydney (AP) – The Pope yesterday issued a passionate appeal to Roman Catholics who have left the Church to come back.

The Pope, speaking in a country where less than one-third of its 3.9 million Roman Catholics go to Mass regularly, said it was no longer just a question of spreading the Gospel to those who have not heard it, but of reaching those who have heard it "but no longer respond".

The Pope later drew his largest crowd yet in this nation of 16 million people, an estimated 200,000 faithful at a Mass at Randwick racecourse, Sydney.

From a podium crowded with 450 bishops and 650 priests, the Pope told them: "I am thinking of those baptised in the faith who are no longer actively present in the Church.

"They are of many different types, and the reasons for their absence from the community of Christ's faithful are also many," he said.

Since starting the Australian leg of his two-week Asian and Pacific pilgrimage, the Pope has gently chided his flock without harshly condemning those who have strayed from Church teaching.

In his homily during the Mass, at which 20 people were taken to hospital suffering from the effects of the 26 degrees Centigrade (79 degrees Fahrenheit) heat, the Pope conceded that some have "perhaps been hurt by the Church, by the misunderstanding or abruptness of the Church's ministers, by the scandal of their fellow Christians . . .

"To all of those who have wandered from their spiritual home, I wish to say: Come back. The Church opens her arms to you, the Church loves you."

In a whirlwind third day of his visit to Australia, the Pope also met industrial workers at a factory, members of the Jewish community, university professors and Catholic bishops, and saw the Opera House, where he posed for pictures with the Sydney harbour bridge in the background.

Gorbachov protesters rounded up

From Michael Hamlyn Delhi

The Indian authorities, no doubt trying to make Mr Mikhail Gorbachov feel at home, yesterday rounded up anyone who appeared to be demonstrating against his visit.

Fifty-eight Afghan refugees, 15 of them women, began waving placards protesting at the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan when police swooped and arrested them.

A hundred or so other Afghans began tearing down posters of Mr and Mrs Gorbachov in Old Delhi. Several hundred passers-by beat and kicked them. Two women and 57 Afghan men were arrested.

The Afghans were out on the streets for the second day, and posters appeared appealing for a Soviet pull-out.

Outside the Soviet Embassy protesters from the opposition Janata Party gathered with the same object. Their placards were ripped from them and 15 were hustled away by police.

Mr Gorbachov and his wife, Raisa, planted a magnolia sapling at the cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi.

Mr Gorbachov then visited the home of Mrs Indira Gandhi, which is now a museum. He lunched with President Giani Zail Singh before embarking on talks with Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister.

Falklands vote in the UN

UK unmoved by Argentine success

By Our Foreign Staff

The British Government remained determined yesterday not to be influenced by the huge majority in Argentina's favour in the United Nations General Assembly vote on the Falklands.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, treated the 116-4 vote as an annual ritual devoid of practical import.

There was no mood to accept criticism that the majority might have been closer to last year's 107-4 but for the unfortunate timing of Sir Geoffrey's announcement of an interim fishing protection zone around the islands.

Coming just four weeks before the General Assembly debated Argentina's motion, the announcement was seen by some countries as a hardening of British resolve on Falklands sovereignty.

Whitehall has always insisted that the zone was strictly a measure to conserve rapidly dwindling fish stocks, unrelated to sovereignty.

As to the timing, the sources said that the zone, which comes into effect in February, had to be announced in October to allow time for fishing nations to apply for licences before next year's season starts.

Although efforts were made to drum up support before the UN vote, especially among Britain's EEC partners, the result was a foregone conclusion. The loss of support from The Netherlands, which joined four other EEC nations which voted against Britain last year, was the main disappointment.

The attitude of Britain's former supporters has been that enough time has passed since the 1982 war for Britain to adopt a more magnanimous attitude. There is a widespread assumption that Britain will compromise sooner or later for financial reasons and that international pressure may accelerate the process.

A further reason for the heavy defeat lay in the superficially mild wording of the resolution, which calls for negotiations with an open agenda. This enabled traditional allies, including the US, to argue that no one could be against talks. However, Argentina's President Raul Alfonsin has made it clear that an "open" agenda would include sovereignty.

Beyond the feelings of frustration with Whitehall's stand lay a wider dissatisfaction with British foreign policy. In the political trade-offs which determine UN voting patterns, Britain is increasingly seen as having little to offer.

Jail terms cut Thai attacks on refugees

Bangkok – Long prison sentences, such as the 448-year terms imposed on two Thai fishermen, have reduced pirate attacks on Vietnamese refugee boats in the Gulf of Thailand, according to United Nations officials (Neil Kelly writes).

They said that fewer than one in two of the boats were attacked this year compared with four out of five during 1981-82.

The fishermen were convicted of abducting and raping two Vietnamese refugee women, aged 17 and 15, whom they held for a month before throwing them into the sea.

Peking envoy seeks asylum

Peking (AFP) – China has acknowledged that a Chinese diplomat and his wife, reported to be seeking political asylum in West Germany, had disappeared.

Sources in Bonn said Mr Tu Bingru had applied for asylum on Monday.

Lightning raid

Moscow (Reuter) – Eight Soviet soldiers were knocked unconscious when lightning struck the ground at their Caucasus mountain training range in Soviet Georgia.

Quake hits

Belgrade (AP) – An earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale injured 14 people and damaged buildings near the port town of Split.

Books seized

Peking (AP) – The city of Peking has seized more than 500,000 illegally published works this year, including tales of ancient military exploits and sexual adventures.

Marine ban

Washington (AP) – The Pentagon, which authorized the Marine Corps to assist in the production of a Clint Eastwood film, told the Corps not to help promote it because the final version did not "accurately portray Marines or their training".

Arms blast

Stockholm (Reuter) – A Swedish military ammunition dump exploded, causing a huge blaze in a village south of Stockholm.

Morals arrest

Tehran (Reuter) – Manouchehr Kalimi Nikrouz, the only Jewish deputy in the Iranian Parliament, has been arrested on morals charges, the *Tehran Times* reported.

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ADELPHI 836 7611 or 240 7913/4 CC 741 9999/836 7358/379 6433 Grp Sales 930 6123 First Call 24hr 7 day CC 240 7200 (bkg fee) NOW BOOKING TO MAY 30 1987 ME AND MY GIRL THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00 Extra Boxing Day Perfs 4.30 & 8 "THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" S Express

ALBERY 836 3878 cc 379 6565/379 6433/741 9999 Group Sales 836 3962. Eves 8pm LIMITED LONDON SEASON DAVE ALLEN LIVE "DEVASTATINGLY FUNNY" LBC

ALDWYCH 01 836 6404/0641 cc 01 379 6233. 01 741 9999 Now Previewing Opens Dec 3 at 7.00pm DOROTHY TUTIN SUSAN ENGEL HARRY TOWB STEVEN MACKINTOSH ROBERT GLENISTER in NEIL SIMONS BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS Directed by MICHAEL RUDMAN A National Theatre Production "Humour at its best, a rich and loving production" Daily Mail "A beautifully shaped family comedy" Times "It will run for a long time" Time Out Evenings Mon - Fri 7.30 Mats Weds 3.0 Sats 5.00 & 8.30 First Call 24 hr 7 day cc 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee) Group Sales 01 930 6123.

AMBASSADORS 01-836 6111 cc 836 1171. First Call (24 hrs/7 days) 240 7200 (bkg fee). Eves 7.30, Wed mat 3, Sat 4 & 8 Royal Shakespeare Company's LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES BEST PLAY 1986 Standard Drama Award Nominated for 4 Olivier Awards inc. "Play of the Year"

APOLLO THEATRE 437 2663 434 3598 First Call 01-240 7200 Ticketmaster cc 379 6433 Mon-Fri 8, Sat 4.30 & 8.15 Thurs Mats 3. PAUL SCOFIELD Nominated Comedy Performance of the Year - Laurence Olivier Awards 1986 HOWARD ROLLINS "MAGNIFICENT" D.Mail I'M NOT RAPPAPORT "Wonderfully funny" D.Exp TONY AWARD BEST PLAY NOW BOOKING 1987

APOLLO VICTORIA SS 828 8665 CC 630 6262 Party Bkgs 828 6188 Ticketmaster cc 379 6433 First Call cc (24hr) 240 7200 (Bkg Fee) Grp Sales 930 6123 Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.0 "A MUSICAL THAT SURPASSES ANYTHING AROUND IN EVERY DIMENSION" D Exp STARLIGHT EXPRESS Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN APPLY DAILY TO BOX OFFICE FOR RETURNS Special concessions at £5 on Tues mats for OAP's CHARITY MIDNIGHT MATINEE 11.45pm Wed 17 Dec Ring box office for details NOW BOOKING TO MARCH 1987

BARBICAN 01 628 8795/638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 10am-8pm) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY BARBICAN THEATRE today 2.00 & 7.30 MISALLIANCE Shaw's "Masterpiece, a glorious performance" Times. SCENES FROM A MARRIAGE by Feydeau, tomor 7.30. Sat 2.00 & 7.30 THE PIT today 2.00 & 7.30 PRINCIPIA SCRIPTORIAE by Richard Nelson. THE ARCHBISHOP'S CEILING by Arthur Miller, tomor 7.30, Sat 2.00 & 7.30

CHURCHILL Bromley 460 6677. Eves 7.45 Mats Thurs, Sat 2.30 Christopher Timothy in THE PRISONER OF ZENDA

COMEDY THEATRE 930 2578 CC 240 7200/379 6433/741 9999 Grps 930 6123 "A superb acting partnership" Times JOHN ALDERTON GWEN TAYLOR SUSAN PENHALIGON THE MAINTENANCE MAN A Comedy by Richard Harris "A MARITAL MASTERPIECE ...WONDERFULLY FUNNY" N of the W "The applause of rapturous recognition" D Mail "Very funny indeed" S.Exp Mon-Thu 8 Fri/Sat 5.30 & 8.30

COTTESLOE 'S' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's small auditorium) Ton't 7.30 THE AMERICAN CLOCK by Arthur Miller. Tomor, Mon, Tue 7.30, Sat 2.30 & 7.30 THE BAY AT NICE and WRECKED EGGS. Ton't 6pm Twist of the Knife. 45 min platform perf all tkts £2.00

CRITERION S 930 3216 CC 379 6565/379 6433/741 9999. Grps 836 3962. Eves 8.00. Thu mat 2.30 Sat 5.30 & 8.30 "BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" D Mail The Theatre of Comedy Company DEREK FOWLDS ROYCE MILLS ALFRED MARKS ANITA GRAHAM JACKI PIPER SAM COX RUN FOR YOUR WIFE! Written and directed by RAY COONEY Over 1,500 side-splitting perfs "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE" S. Ex Good seats avail Thurs mats.

DOMINION THEATRE 580 8845/9562. ALL tel CC bkgs FIRST CALL 24hr 7 day on 836 2428 NO BOOKING FEE Grp Sales 930 6123 DAVE CLARK's TIME THE ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE CLIFF RICHARD AS "THE ROCK STAR" THE PORTRAYAL OF 'AKASH' BY LAURENCE OLIVIER Mon-Fri 7.30 Thu Mat 2.30 Sat 4 & 8.15. At Thurs mats only "The Rock Star" will be performed by John Christie SPECIAL CONCESSIONS at £7 all perfs except Fri & Sat eves for OAP's, UB40's, students & under 16's avail 1 hr before perf Reduced prices Thurs mats only £7 & £10 Now Booking to April '87. SEATS AVAIL FOR PERF TONT

DONMAR WAREHOUSE 240 8230 cc 379 6565/6433. Eves 8pm. Sats mats 4pm TREATMENT by Jonathan Moore. DORY PREVIN 8 Dec - 10 Jan. Booking now open!

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & CC 01-836 8108. 01-240 9066/7. First Call 24hr 7 day cc bkgs on 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee). Ticketmaster 01 379 6433 (no bkg fee) David Merrick's 42ND STREET A SHOW FOR ALL THE FAMILY Winner of all the best Musical Awards for 1984 voted BEST MUSICAL STANDARD DRAMA AWARDS voted BEST MUSICAL LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARD voted BEST MUSICAL PLAYS & PLAYERS LONDON THEATRE CRITICS AWARD Evgs 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0, Sat 5.0 & 8.30 Reduced price mat Weds. Students and OAP's standby. Group Sales 930 6123 BOOK NOW FOR XMAS Special matinee Dec 26 3pm

DUCHESS S 836 8243 CC 240 9648 CC 379 6433 & CC 24 hr/7 day 240 7200 Evgs 8 Wed mat 3 Sat 5 & 8 NO SEX, PLEASE WE'RE BRITISH

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 CC 836 9837/741 9999/379 6433 24hr 240 7200 Eves 8. Thu 3. Sat 5 & 8 30 COMEDY OF THE YEAR Standard Drama Award 1984 STEPPING OUT Hit Comedy by Richard Harris Directed by Julia McKenzie "TRIUMPH ON TAP" Std THIRD HILARIOUS YEAR

FORTUNE B.Off CC S 836 2238/9 Agy 240 7200 (24hrs bkg fee) Mon to Fri 8, Sat 8 30 Mat Thurs & Sat 3.00. Final 2 weeks. LYNDA BELLINGHAM KEITH DRINKEL in DOUBLE DOUBLE "I enjoyed every minute" ST "A classic of whodunitry - is unbeatable" Times ES WE DOUBLE DARE YOU TO DETECT HOW ITS DONE

GARRICK S 01 379 6107. 1st call 24/hr 7 day 240 7200. Grp Sales 930 6123. Eves 7.30, Sat 5 & 8 Tues mat at 3pm JUDI DENCH MICHAEL WILLIAMS "Cless of their own" Std MR and MRS NOBODY by Keith Waterhouse Directed by Ned Sherrin "The best comedy to reach the West End this year" Times "EVERYBODY MUST SEE THIS NOBODY" D.Mail

GLOBE 437 1592 CC 379 6433 1st Call 24 hr 240 7200 (no bkg fee) 741 9999 (no bkg fee). Grp Sales 930 6123. Eves 8 Mats Wed 3 Sat 4. Nominated for COMEDY OF THE YEAR Laurence Olivier Awards 1986 LEND ME A TENOR "If it's laughter you're after ..then the fun comes nowhere thicker and faster" Std A Comedy by Ken Ludwig Directed by David Gilmore

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. First Call cc 24hrs 240 7200 (bkg fee). Eves 7.45, mat Sat 2.30. UNDER MILK WOOD by Dylan Thomas. "Soaring and irreverent imagination —warm, wanton and bawdy" Daily Telegraph

HAMPSTEAD 722 9301. Eves 8, Sat Mat 4.30. SELLING THE SIZZLE, A New Comedy by Peter Gibbs, with Ann Beach, Caroline Blakiston, Dinsdale Landen, David Threlfall. Directed by Robert Chetwyn.

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box office & CC 01-930 9832. 1st Call 24hr/7 day cc bkgs 240 7200 Eves 7.30 Wed & Sat mats 2.30pm DEREK JACOBI (Nominated Actor of the Year Laurence Olivier Awards) in BREAKING the CODE by HUGH WHITEMORE Joanna David Isabel Dean Michael Gough Dir by CLIFFORD WILLIAMS "MOVING AND ENORMOUSLY ENJOYABLE" D.Exp

HER MAJESTYS, Haymarket. 01-839 2244 Ticketmaster CC 379 6131 First Call CC 240 7200 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S NEW MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA WINNER BEST MUSICAL 1986 EVENING STANDARD AWARD Starring MICHAEL CRAWFORD Sarah Brightman Steve Barton Claire Moore plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 Postal bkgs only for Apr to Oct

LONDON PALLADIUM 437 7373. 741 9999 (no bkg fee). First Call 24 Hr 7 Day CC 240 7200. (NO BKG FEE) Grp Sales 930 6123. Ticketmaster 379 6433 OVER 200 PERFS OF THE HIT MUSICAL COMEDY GEORGE HEARN & DENIS QUILLEY LA CAGE AUX FOLLES "A PALLADIUM ROAR OF APPROVAL" S.Tel Mon-Fri 7.30, Mats Wed 2.00 Sat 2.30 & 8.00 Stdnt concessions avail. at door Mon-Fri & Sat mats SEATS AVAILABLE FROM £7.50 Now booking to April 25, 1987 NO PERFS 1ST, 2ND, 3RD DEC

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01-741 2311. Eves 7.45. Wed Mats 2.30, Sat Mats 4pm THE INFERNAL MACHINE by Cocteau. With Maggie Smith. STUDIO: Wed - Sat 8pm SHIFTWORK FESTIVAL.

LYRIC THEATRE Shaftesbury Ave W1 01-437 3686/7 01-434 1550. 01-434 1050. 01-734 5166/7 COLIN BLAKELY "A brilliant & joyously comic performance" F. Times in The National Theatre's acclaimed production of ALAN AYCKBOURN'S A CHORUS OF DISAPPROVAL "Heartbreakingly funny" Gdn "Hilarious..." S. Times "A rare evening of comic exhilaration" Times Evgs 7.30, Mats Wed and Sat 3.0. Group Sales 01 930 6123. Reduced price mats Student & OAP Stand-by FIRST CALL 24HR 7 DAY CC BOOKINGS ON 01 240 7200 (NO BOOKING FEE) WINNER OF ALL THE BEST COMEDY AWARDS FOR 1985 NOW BOOKING UNTIL APRIL '87 FRANCES DE LA TOUR AS LILLIAN HELLMAN IN LILLIAN A play by William Luce, directed by Corin Redgrave. Sunday Nov 30 at 4pm.

LYTTELTON 'S' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's proscenium stage) Today 10.30 am, Tomor, Tue, Wed 10.30 am & 2.00 THE PIED PIPER a musical show from Browning's poem (for 6-11 year olds, low prices). Ton't, Tomor 7.45, Sat 2.15 (low price mat) & 7.45 THE MAGISTRATE by Pinero, Mon, Tue, Wed 7.45 TONS OF MONEY.

MAYFAIR S CC 629 3036. Mon-Thu 8 Fri/Sat 5.40 & 8.10 RICHARD TODD in "The Best Thriller for years" S M THE BUSINESS OF MURDER "An unabashed winner" S Exp "Sensational" Times 6TH THRILLING YEAR

MERMAID 236 5568 cc 741 9999. Grp Sales 930 6123 First Call 240 7200 (24 Hrs 7 Days) Ticketmaster 379 6433. Eves 8pm, Sat 6pm & 8.30 STEVEN BERKOFF'S SINK THE BELGRANO! "SAVAGELY COMIC" FT Pre-theatre food and drink LAST WEEK - ENDS SAT!!

MERMAID THEATRE 01-236 5568 1st Call 240 7200 379 6433 741 9999 Grp Sales 930 6123 THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS Opens December 15 for 4 weeks only Twice daily at 2.0 & 6.0

NATIONAL THEATRE Sth Bank NATIONAL THEATRE COMPANY See SEPARATE ENTRIES under OLIVIER/LYTTELTON/COTTESLOE. Excellent cheap seats days of perfs all theatres from 10 am. RESTAURANT (928 2033). EASY CAR PARK. Info 633 0880. AIR COND

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 405 0072 CC 379 6433 Eves 7.45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7.45. THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T.S. ELIOT MUSICAL CATS APPLY DAILY TO BOX OFFICE FOR RETURNS Group Bookings 01-405 1567 or 01-930 6123. NOW BOOKING TO MAY 30 1987. Seats avail for additional holiday perfs on Dec 22 & Jan 2 at 3pm

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821 Due to public demand run extended to 10 Jan. Eves 7.30. Wed Mats 2.30. Sats 4.00 & 7.45 MARIA AITKEN JUDI BOWKER FAITH BROOK BARBARA EWING JULIA FOSTER GEORGINA HALE PATTI LOVE DIANA QUICK ZENA WALKER and SUSANNAH YORK in THE WOMEN A savagely funny comedy by Clare Boothe Luce

OLIVIER 'S' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's open stage) Closed for maintenance until Dec 3. Previews KING LEAR Dec 3, 4, 5, 6 (no seats available this Dec 6 preview - Standard Theatre Club). Dec 9 (not ANIMAL FARM as printed in leaflet) & Dec 10 all at 7.00 prompt. Opens Dec 11 at 6.45. Then Dec 12 & 13. (Dec 8 theatre dark - not ANIMAL FARM as printed in leaflet).

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 CC 379 6433 Fst Call 24Hr 7Day CC 240 7200 Grp Sales 930 6123 THE MUSICAL SENSATION LES MISERABLES "IF YOU CAN'T GET A TICKET - STEAL ONE!" Std Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval BEAT THE TOUTS BY ENQUIRING FOR RETURNS AT THE BOX OFFICE.

PHOENIX 836 2294 cc 240 9661 DIANA RIGG "A COMMANDING PRESENCE... WRYLY WITTY" F.T. in WILDFIRE a new play Directed by PETER WOOD "FASCINATING... FULL OF SURPRISES" D.Mail 1st Call 240 7200 (no bkg fee) Grp Sales 930 6123/741 9999 (no bkg fee) Mon-Thu 8 Fri/Sat 4 & 8.15

MAYFAIR 01 629 3037 From Dec 15 to Jan 3 Twice daily 2.0 & 4.0 Weds & Sats 10.30, 2.0 & 4.0 SOOTY'S XMAS SHOW

PICCADILLY 437 4506 CC 379 6565/379 6433/240 7200. Group Sales 930 6123/836 3962. Eves 8pm, Sats 4.30 & 8.15 Wed mats 3 FRANKIE HOWERD PATRICK CARGILL RONNIE STEVENS FRED EVANS DEREK ROYLE in The Funniest Musical A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM "The curtain raiser alone is worth the price of admission" Ind

PRINCE EDWARD Box Office 734 8951 First Call 24 Hr 7 Days cc Booking 836 3464 Grp Sales 930 6123. Mon-Sat 7.30 Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30 CHESS Nominated for BEST MUSICAL OF THE YEAR Best Actress - Elaine Paige Best Actor - Tommy Korberg LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARDS 1986 Now booking to March 28, 1987 MAT SEATS SOMETIMES AVAILABLE ON DAY

PRINCE OF WALES W1 930 8681/2 cc Hotline 930 0844/5/6. Grp Sales 930 6123. Keith Prowse 741 9999. Ticketmaster 379 6433 1st Call 24hr/7day 240 7200 'ALLO 'ALLO with the TV SHOW STARS Eves 8, Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.40 EXTRA PERFS 30 & 31 Dec at 2.30

QUEEN'S 01-734 1166/7/0261/0120. 24hr cc 240 7200/379 6433. Grp Sales 930 6123. "THE BEST MUSICAL IN LONDON" Gdn "A WONDERFUL STAR" Mail MAUREEN LIPMAN in LEONARD BERNSTEIN'S WONDERFUL TOWN! "It ripples with excitement" S.Times "Just wonderful" D.Exp Mon-Sat 8 Mats Wed 2.30 Sat 5

RIVERSIDE STUDIOS 748 3354 CC 379 6433 SHARED EXPERIENCE in TOO TRUE TO BE GOOD by Bernard Shaw Until Sun. Eves 8. Sun mat 3.30.

ROYAL COURT S CC 730 1745/1857 cc 24hr 7 day 240 7200 (bkg fee) Eves 8pm. Sat Mats 4pm Joint Stock present A MOUTHFUL OF BIRDS by Caryl Churchill & David Lan.

ROYAL COURT UPSTAIRS 730 2554 Eves 7.30, Sat Mats 3.30 STRYTHNITZ by Sarah Daniels.

ROYALTY 01-831 0660 24hr cc 240 7200 379 6433 741 9999 Group Sales 930 6123 JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT From 16 Dec twice daily at 2.30 & 7.30 BOOK NOW

SHAFTESBURY THEATRE OF COMEDY 01 379 5399 CC 01 379 6433/741 9999. First Call 24hr 240 7200 (bkg fee). Grp Sales 930 6123. Mon-Fri 8, Wed Mat 3, Sat 5 & 8.30 FINAL WEEK - Ends Saturday THE THEATRE OF COMEDY COMPANY'S "slap-up revival - the best I have ever seen" (Times) of ROOKERY NOOK "The most celebrated of Ben Travers' farces" (Spectator) Previews from Dec 5 for TOM CONTI in a lavish new production AN ITALIAN STRAW HAT Book Now

ST MARTIN'S 01-836 1443. Special CC No. 379 6433. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45, Sat 5.0 and 8.0 35th yr of AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP

SAVOY THEATRE 01 836 8888. CC 379 6219, 836 0479. First Call 24 hr 7 day (bkg fee) 240 7200. Keith Prowse 741 9999 (bkg fee). Eves Mon-Fri 8pm. Sat 5 & 8.30. Wed Mats 3pm PATRICK MACNEE DAVID LANGTON DENNIS LINDEN & LIZ ROBERTSON in KILLING JESSICA The New Mystery Thriller Directed by BRYAN FORBES. "There's an excellent last scene twist reeking with Sleuth for surprise and ingenuity" D.Mail

STRAND 836 2660 CC 836 4143/5190. 741 9999. First Call 24 Hr 7 Day cc 240 7200 Grp Sales 930 6123 CABARET "The sharpest, most sophisticated, most rhythmic musical now running in the West End" Std Starring WAYNE SLEEP Directed & Choreographed by Gillian Lynne Mon-Fri 7.45, Mat Wed 3.00 Sat 4.30 & 8.15 BOOKING NOW EXTENDED TO APRIL 87

STRATFORD UPON AVON (0789) 295623. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY at 'RST'. Winter's Tale Today 1.30, Macbeth Tonight, Tomor 7.30, Dream Sat 1.30, Richard II Sat 7.30. Swan Theatre, Fair Maid Tonight, Tomor 7.30, Rover Sat 7.30.

THEATRE OF COMEDY COMPANY "The very best of Britain's comic talent" Daily Mail See separate entries under: CRITERION THEATRE SHAFTESBURY THEATRE OF COMEDY

VAUDEVILLE Box Office & CC. 836 9987/5645 First call CC. 24 hrs 240 7200 (bkg fee). Evgs 8.0. Mats Wed 2.30, Sat 5.0, 8.30. JULIA McKENZIE BEST ACTRESS OF THE YEAR Standard Drama Award MARTIN JARVIS PETER BLYTHE JOSEPHINE TEWSON in ALAN AYCKBOURN'S New Play WOMAN IN MIND "THIS MUST BE THE FUNNIEST PLAY IN LONDON. IT IS ALSO THE MOST DISTURBING" S.Tel "ALAN AYCKBOURN IS WRITING AT HIS BEST" S.Times

VICTORIA PALACE 01-834 1317 Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.45 EXTRA XMAS MATINEES December 26,29,30 Jan 1 & 2 24hr 7 day cc bkgs (no extra charge) on FIRST CALL 240 7200 "A NIGHT OF SHEER SONG & DANCE MAGIC" Wkly News CHARLIE GIRL ONLY 7 WEEKS LEFT TO SEE THIS FABULOUS CAST. LAST PERF JAN 10 PAUL NICHOLAS CYD CHARISSE DORA BRYAN NICHOLAS PARSONS MARK WYNTER in CHARLIE GIRL GROUP SALES 01 930 6123 BIG PARTY DISCOUNTS Also book Ticketmaster 379 6433 or any W H Smith Travel Branch

VICTORIA PALACE 01 240 7200 BOOKING NOW 24 hr 7 day TREVOR EVE STEPHEN REA NATASHA RICHARDSON ANGELA RICHARDS HIGH SOCIETY Directed by Richard Eyre Prevs Feb 12 1st Night Feb 25 Mon-Fri 7.45 Wed Mat 3 Sat 4.45 & 8.15. Gp Sales 930 6123

WESTMINSTER 834 0283/4 cc 834 0048. cc Ticketmaster 379 6433. Today 10.30am, 2.00 & 6.30, Tomor, Mon 2.00 & 6.30, Sat 3.00 & 6.30, Tue, Wed 10.30am & 2.00 3rd Magical Season THE LION, THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE by C.S. Lewis ROYAL CHARITY GALA TONIGHT at 6.30

WHITEHALL SW1 01 930 7765/839 4455 CC 01 379 6565/379 6433. 741 9999. Grp sales 930 6123/836 3962 JULIE WALTERS GERALDINE JAMES SHEILA REID JOHN GORDON SINCLAIR The Award Winning Comedy WHEN I WAS A GIRL I USED TO SCREAM & SHOUT by Sharman Macdonald Directed by Simon Stokes Prevs From Tues - Opens 9 Dec 7pm Mon-Fri 8, Sat 5.30 & 8.30 Wed mats 3

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WYNDHAM'S S 836 3028 cc 379 6565/Ticketmaster 379 6433/1st Call 24hr 7 days 240 7200/741 9999/Grp Sales 930 6123/836 3962. Eves 7.30, Sat mats 3 For a limited season "A performance unparalleled in the West End" Independent. VANESSA REDGRAVE TOM WILKINSON in The Young Vic production of GHOSTS By Henrik Ibsen Directed by David Thacker "BRILLIANT PRODUCTION. DON'T MISS" City Limits

YOUNG VIC 928 6363 CC 379 6433. The Young Vic Co in JULIUS CAESAR "A fine production... Corin Redgrave's excellent Brutus - his best performance ever" F.T. Eves 7.30 Wed & Fri mat 2pm

YOUNG VIC STUDIO 928 6363 PAINES PLOUGH in PINOCCHIO BOYS by Jim Morris "Comedy is blistering... I'd recommend the show to anyone" Gdn. Eves 8. Til Sat

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BARBICAN ART GALLERY Barbican Centre, EC2. 01-638 4141. Until 4 Jan: David Roberts (1796-1864): paintings of Europe & the Near East PLUS Lion Rugs by nomadic Fars tribeswomen. Tues - Sat 10-6.45, Sun & B Hols 12-5.45. Closed Mondays. Adm: £2 & £1. Reduced rates for pre-booked parties. Also: TAPESTRY WEAVING DISPLAY by Joanna Buxton - until 19 Dec (phone for details of dates and times)

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FINE ART SOCIETY 148 New Bond Street, W.1. 01-629 5116. FRITS THAULOW. Also ARTIST DESIGNERS 1918-1985.

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SPINK, King Street, St. James's, SW1. DOUGLAS STANNUS GRAY, 1890-1959. Closing Tomorrow Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30.

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THE MALL GALLERIES (near Admiralty Arch) Tel 01-930 6844. ROYAL SOCIETY OF MINIATURE PAINTERS, SCULPTORS AND GRAVERS. 28th Nov - 18th Dec (closes 1pm). Daily 10 - 5. Adm £1.00 Concessions 50p.

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Camera cruise

Never go back to where you have been happy and if you do, make sure Desmond Wilcox is not recording the moment with a camera crew. Fifty years after the Queen Mary's maiden voyage to New York, some veterans of the trip made a commemorative journey on the QE2. Des was there. And how. *The Visit* (BBC2) was an embarrassing eavesdrop on the recollection of these passengers. But whereas a school reunion gathers the survivors in their original location, this exercise was more of a works outing in which the elderly participants cast their eyes back and compared, rather than looked around and admired.

TELEVISION

Whicker and Robinson have both made entertaining programmes about cruises. It must be said that, doggy-paddling in their wake, Wilcox has not. Only one or two items of interest bobbed to the surface; the fact that Cunard wished to name their ship — then the biggest ever — after Victoria and therefore asked George V's permission to call it by the name of Britain's most illustrious queen. (He was sure, he replied, that his wife would be very pleased.) And a story told by Larry Adler of how he met Joseph Kennedy on board, sailing to tell Roosevelt that he should divorce himself from Britain and ally America to that man of the future, Hitler.

Otherwise, it was a programme which got its just desserts when, because of icebergs, the QE2 skipped New York altogether and made instead for Baltimore. An "utter disaster", said one passenger.

Breaking Up (BBC2), by man of the moment Nigel Williams, continues to create its own atmosphere in a series about a young boy caught in the no-man's-land between his divorcing parents. Haunting, different and memorably acted, this drama plays on the cheeky intelligence of children when not in adult company and the childishness of adults when in each other's. It is also very funny.

Nicholas Shakespeare

A glitter of gossips

THEATRE

The Women
Old Vic

"Bloody but unwowed" was the response of one spectator emerging from the 1936 premiere of Clare Boothe Luce's famed portrait of the Park Avenue set. The piece is new to me, but from its past reputation as one of Broadway's hottest potatoes one expects nothing less than a devastating onslaught on the idle rich.

After all, as Mrs Luce remarked in a radio interview last week, she had spent her working life in a man's world; and what could be more fitting than a derisive farewell to the world of gossip before disappearing into a career in federal politics?

However, anyone expecting an evening in the company of a Tina Brown of the New Deal should be warned that *The Women* is about as corrosive as a milk shake. It is strong on wisecracks and put-downs, though they have none of the bite of Dorothy Parker. As for the plot, far from mounting an attack on female parasites it amounts to a thunderous endorsement of the married state.

There are two brief scenes where the lot of Mrs Luce's characters is contrasted with that of the unprivileged majority. Otherwise the whole piece is built around the gracious figure of Mrs Mary Haines whose marital idyll might have survived had not her back-biting friends got wind of her husband's adultery.

The development of the play tells you more than any passing episode. We start off at a bridge party with high pressure conversation about a bewildering variety of people. At this point the audience are made to feel like outsiders. The action then moves through the sitting room, gym, and bedroom, taking us more and more into complicity with the gossips and divorcees. Finally, when Mary secures the ammunition she needs to shoot down her rival (the second Mrs Haines, need it be said, is a gold-digger of low degree), the audience are invited to join with the idle rich in relishing the biggest scandal of the month and eliminating a vulgar upstart.

The justification for this fiftieth anniversary revival lies entirely in the amazing company Keith Hack has managed to assemble. With a cast of more than 40 any production would need strenuous doubling; but here it is carried out by artists such as Patti Love, Diana Quick and Emma Piper in a company of 18 who present an array of high precision performances with a profusion that defeats any attempt to do justice to more than a few.

In Voytek's glitzy art-deco surround, the various intimate locations are swiftly trucked on and off enabling the flow of gossip to proceed uninterrupted through the various tribal watering holes.

The action necessarily hinges on Susannah York as the ill-used Mary who — although she is finally allowed to develop claws of her own — is unavoidably stuck in the unrewarding role of irreproachable martyr in the midst of a gleefully malicious party.

Miss Love, as an infuriated gym instructress, comes over as a firecracker of professional exasperation, and Zena Walker as a much-married cradle-snatcher turns even a gloomy Reno divorce queue into a jamboree.

What is lacking here and elsewhere is any strong sense of mutual contact. The price of assembling a company of this quality is that it offers individual star turns rather than ensemble. Georgina Hale, as Mary's rival, presents an Anita Loos parody that is mannered almost to the point of becoming incomprehensible. Julia Foster as the perpetually pregnant Edith, Judi Bowker as a beached Southern Belle and Maria Aitken as Sylvia, the back-biter-in-chief, are all deliciously funny in isolation.

Irving Wardle

Dee Conway

The Women: left to right, Susannah York, Patti Love, Maria Aitken and Georgina Hale

Images of desolation

The Great Hunger
The Almeida

Tom MacIntyre's play arrives in London garlanded with praise after performances in Dublin, Edinburgh and Belfast. Evidently it sparks a deep response in Celtic audiences who can bring to it their own familiarity with remote, religious farms.

The longish poem, by Patrick Kavanagh, that inspires the play is a bleak evocation of emotional poverty told in matter-of-fact lines that now and again throw up powerful images of desolation.

Patrick Mason's production achieves something of the same sort of haunting excitement, climbing out of puzzling or humdrum incidents. But this is described, not as a dramatization of the poem, but a meditation upon its themes. And the most significant of these, the emptiness of Paddy Maguire's life, mother-dominated and fearful of girls, is crowded out by the sheer energy of what goes on in front of us.

Bronwen Casson's setting of clay furrows curving away into the wings is absolutely right. Sheets of corrugated iron against the back of the stage continue the monotony into the distance, yet also confine the participants to their backwater parish.

The time is 1942. *Isle of Capri* is playing on a scratchy record, and Paddy's mother is there behind him, represented by a statue — part weathered Christ, part Sphinx. Paddy polishes it and mutters into its ear; his unmarried sister pours scraps of water from pail to kettle and back again. Their lives are a cycle of trivial routines that will push them forward to their graves.

On the other hand, the group's sexually hungry girls, that come dashing through their lives, are given such theatrically-exciting transformations and movements that you would say there is never a dull moment.

These are the erotic fantasies of timid Irishmen, but such dreamlike metamorphoses show creative imagination of a high order. Patrick and a village girl enjoy a courtship display where a flapping bundle of raffle tickets serves as his rooster's tail; the girls make up their mouths with ever bigger scarlet lips as they grimace with desire.

A choric procession, celebrating the arrival of spring, marvellously becomes a Mass where the congregation bleat like animals and the priest conjures playing cards out of the chalice.

Little of the language of the poem survives the staging and much of what is said is hard to follow. Words are but one element along with movement and gesture, and all are fragmented.

Tom Hickey's Patrick, leather-faced and unsmiling, emphasizes everything grotesque in the character, the gawkiness, the gabbling, the nearly-conscious adoption of eccentricity to scare off frisky girls. But however arresting his performance manages to be, like the production itself, for a fair amount of the time, the heartbreak of emotional hunger seldom came across to this Anglo-Saxon onlooker.

Jeremy Kingston

Lost opportu... of the Turner I...

The award of this year's Turner Prize to Gilbert and George is rather like giving an artist a knighthood: the predictable reward of the establishment to a new recruit. This has in fact been the trouble with the Turner Prize throughout its first three years. It is rather as though the Booker Prize were to go to the best-selling British novel of the previous year: admirable though Malcolm Morley, Howard Hodgkin and Gilbert and George may be, they hardly need any addition to their laurels (or, presumably, their bank accounts) when they are already exhibited all over the world, highly prized, highly priced and generally riding high.

It may be argued, of course, that while the Turner shortlists seem excessively conservative and commercially oriented to the cognoscenti, the likes of Gilbert and George are still a mystery to the general public, and a prize of this kind is just the thing to aid comprehension. But it seems likely that by now everybody who needs for any reason to "understand" Gilbert and George already does, and that those who continue to regard their glossy photo-pieces, like Carl André's bricks, as some kind of confidence trick to snare a gullible intelligentsia will merely take the prize as more evidence for their views.

The framing of the prize's terms, which refers to "the greatest contri... Britain in th... months", do... evitably fa... success: th... George reti... which has been impugning America and the Continent no doubt deserves some kind of recognition on a par with an award to industry. But the Turner Prize, surely, should be looking forward rather than back: not necessarily to someone fresh out of art school, but perhaps to artists not yet middle aged who are still making a mark, consolidating a reputation.

This year, for example, one might have expected to see nominated one or more of the new Glasgow painters such as Stephen Campbell or Peter Howson, who have been revitalising international ideas on British art.

In any case, what is lacking from the shortlist is any idea of potential. Of the six nominees only the sculptor Bill Woodrow really seems to be in the midst of a developing process. Even if it is true that Gilbert and George persist in refusing the accolade of the Royal Academy, it is quite evident that for some time now their art has been accepting... The Turner Prize is becoming little more than an extension of the RA.

John Russell Taylor

JAZZ

Ray Brown Trio
Ronnie Scott's

While he was a member of Oscar Peterson's group in the Fifties and early Sixties, Ray Brown defined the state of the jazz bassist's art: a firm middleweight tone, a massively secure sense of swing and an immaculate choice of notes made him the object of enormous respect. Some listeners might now think Brown's playing old-fashioned. Others, though, will find his work in Soho this week a relief from the over-amplified and interminably garrulous style of younger men.

Brown can "walk" a dozen choruses in 4/4 without feeling the need for the least decoration: when he takes his bow to a ballad theme, he is satisfied to depend on intonation and inflexion for expressive effect. At other times, by contrast, he will fill the gaps in the theme of "But Not For Me" with emphatic double-time commentaries. In other words, he covers it all.

The contribution of the trio's pianist, Gene Harris, will come as a revelation to those who remember him only as a member of a rather unexciting group called the Three Sounds in the early Sixties. And Harris's routines are unerringly underlined and italicized by a fine drummer, Mickey Roker.

Richard Williams

ROCK

Elvis Costello and The Attractions
Royalty Theatre

Talk about running with the hare and the hounds. Elvis Costello's "Spectacular Spinning Songbook" show on Tuesday lampooned the superficial, glittery milieu of the TV game show with exquisite irony while simultaneously milking the novelty values of such a format for all they were worth.

That the event was such a resounding success was due in large part to the affectionate, knowing rapport that Costello, in his Napoleon Dynamite persona, developed with the audience, plying a stock of ineffable clichés with quick-witted charm — "dreams do come true", he assured many participants.

Guided by such a genuinely random theme, The Attractions were shown to be an uncannily flexible and versatile band, and Costello to be a performer with an unrivalled presence of mind. Breaking off from a litany of cheerful platitudes to stack up four randomly-chosen titles — "Miracle Man", "Shabby Doll", "Man Out Of Time" and "Clubland" — and immediately guide the group through them in a series of seamless segues was quite astonishing. It was the best fun I have witnessed in ages.

David Sinclair

CONCERT

LPO/Solti
Festival Hall

The mellowing of Sir Georg Solti has perhaps been pronounced too soon. Last night he was back on form as the human dynamo of music, leaning over the London Philharmonic Orchestra to encourage from them an angular assault on Haydn's Symphony No 99, and then entering the ring to do battle with Mahler's Fifth. Perhaps a closer image would be that of a rodeo display of horsemanship, with the conductor taking great risks yet just — and very much just in an increasingly hectic finale — staying on.

This combative dualism also became a principal feature of the substance of the music. Within a very short while, when the trumpet motif harking back to Beethoven's Fifth returned, its accompaniment was strongly dissociated from it, active in a life of its own.

The LPO's strong and characterful bass, developed in Klaus Tennstedt's Mahler performances, certainly helped this impression of so many textures being in two independent strata, but the strain and daring in the performance were very much Sir Georg's own. They were there, too, in all that followed. The second movement was again vigorously unified but at the same time caught in the act of tearing itself apart; even the third had tempestuousness mixed into its good humour.

A performance so concerned with the music's comportment, however, was not going to delve into its interior ambiguities, and so there was no special need for the Adagietto to offer repose; it could be almost as tightly driven and wayward as the rest, with the same tone rarely maintained for more than a couple of bars. The placing of the harp with the double basses drew its part more wholly into the music and left the centre stage for the violins. Then the finale, apart from quickening speed, offered gladly seized opportunities to solo woodwinds, to the percussion, and to a team of seven horns who had been rampant throughout.

Paul Griffiths

FESTIVAL

Yesterday I warmed to Heinz Holliger's *(t)Air(e)*, a piece inspired by the late poetry of Hölderlin. Today I can be even more enthusiastic about two works by him similarly motivated, and performed by the West German group Ensemble Modern in the last of their concerts in this year's Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival. Unlike *(t)Air(e)*, both *Eisblumen* (1975) and *Ad Marginem* (1984) are essentially static, essentially withdrawn in nature. *Eisblumen* in particular radiates an eerily enticing, half-lit atmosphere, reflecting the ambivalence of Hölderlin's schizophrenic existence. And because the piece has no real harmonic motion its predominant mood is one of emotionlessness. Its emptiness is vast, overwhelming and beautiful.

Holliger has always been one to relish subtle timbres, and here he makes full use of the battery of effects available to his solo string ensemble. The same applies to *Ad Marginem*, where, however, he also has at his disposal a pair of flutes and clarinets and a tape. Here the objective of stillness and emptiness is attained gradually, the sounds conspiring to give a perfect silence, the extremes of register widening into imperceptibility. If Holliger can go on producing such music, he risks being remembered more as a composer than as the superlative oboist he is.

These works quite eclipsed Sandor Veress's deliberately ecliptic, over-long *Orbis Tonorum*; and even the effect of Klaus Huber's tough *Remember G*, in which the excellent solo double bassist was Thomas Fichter, was relatively ephemeral.

Stephen Pettitt

Enter dirty Carmen making wolves' eyes

An earthy Carmen with holes in her stockings is promised at the Coliseum tonight as Sally Burgess sings Bizet's title role for the first time. Interview by Hilary Finch

With three new British productions in as many months, and with images from Peter Brook and Peter Hall indelibly stamped on the public imagination, *Carmen* has become very much the producer's opera of the decade. But, despite a healthy degree of speculation as to what David Pountney will have up his sleeve at the Coliseum tonight, attention this time is likely to be focused closely on Carmen herself, in the person of Sally Burgess.

Not so many years ago Burgess was singing Micaëla, along with Adèle, Violetta, Pamina and Mimi. The voice began to wear trousers, and descended a little further into the boots of Hoffmann's Nicklaus, Orlofsky and Octavian. Last spring, in Leeds, the metamorphosis was complete. With an Amneris which dominated every *Aida* review, she took wing as a fully-fledged dramatic mezzo. As John Higgins observed on this page, she was "a singer moving on to a new and higher plane".

"It was the Amneris," Burgess admits, "that taught me to sing properly." But the change was not without trauma. About five years ago she reached the point where singing at the top of the voice became increasingly difficult. "I couldn't understand what was going on. You can't see anything, or even hear anything yourself, and yet the voice is a part of you. And no one wants to talk about it." She sang more and more to try to work out what was happening — with near-disastrous effect. "Esther Salaman — who is *very* motherly — spent a year taking me right back to the beginning. Then I spoke to Phyllis Cannan, who at that time was a mezzo turning into a soprano — we did a Beethoven Nine together, reversing the parts, and it was wonderful to be singing mezzo." Cannan recommended Josephine Veasey (ENO's voice consultant, and a formidable Carmen in her time), who did the rest.

Carmen, marginally lower than Amneris, should now fit the voice like a glove. What is more, Burgess has had a full three months to work on it uninterrupted — something she insists on. Her approach is mentally methodical, physically robust. She found herself landed with the new Anthony Burgess translation, recently premièred at Scottish Opera. "He's put his stamp on what he thinks Carmen is like, and I objected to that initially. But it happens to tie in with what David wants. His idea is to go back to the Carmen of Prosper Merimée who is, of course, seen through the eyes of Don José. She couldn't possibly be the Teresa Berganza type of good girl, working in a factory to send money home to her mother. She has wolves' eyes; she has holes in her stockings; there's all the roughness, earthiness, dirtiness even, of the Carmen Bizet was unable to present to the opera-going public of his time."

Burgess, who has just clattered down the stairs two at a time, whistling loudly, to fetch coffee in thick, hand-painted Portuguese cups, is not likely to be fenced in even by this much directorial specificity. "The character is open to any interpretation, simply because its essence is freeedom. Carmen does what she likes from one situation to the next — almost as if she has no memory." Improvisation? Working with David Freeman in *Akhnaten* had a liberating effect on Burgess, and this already highly physical performer has now been working it all out through flamenco as well.

"I found a lady called Maria Rosa who does cabaret and restaurant dancing in London. You have to go down, down — not up on your toes — down into the floor with a lot of stamping. I *love* it." For Burgess, it is yet another way deep down into character, and that is what interests her most. "I loved Zerlina — there are so many possibilities in her character — but soprano roles tended to be a bit bland for me."

Berlioz's Dido in *The Trojans* for Opera North next year should provide stronger stuff: she has her eyes set on Saint-Saëns's Dalila at some stage; and "I can't wait for Eboli! For me there's nothing like Verdi. I need long, long music. But you have to get those Bs and hold them on for a long time..."

Verdi and his princesses wait patiently in line.

Zoe Dominic

Sheep's clothing: Sally Burgess in her Carmen costume

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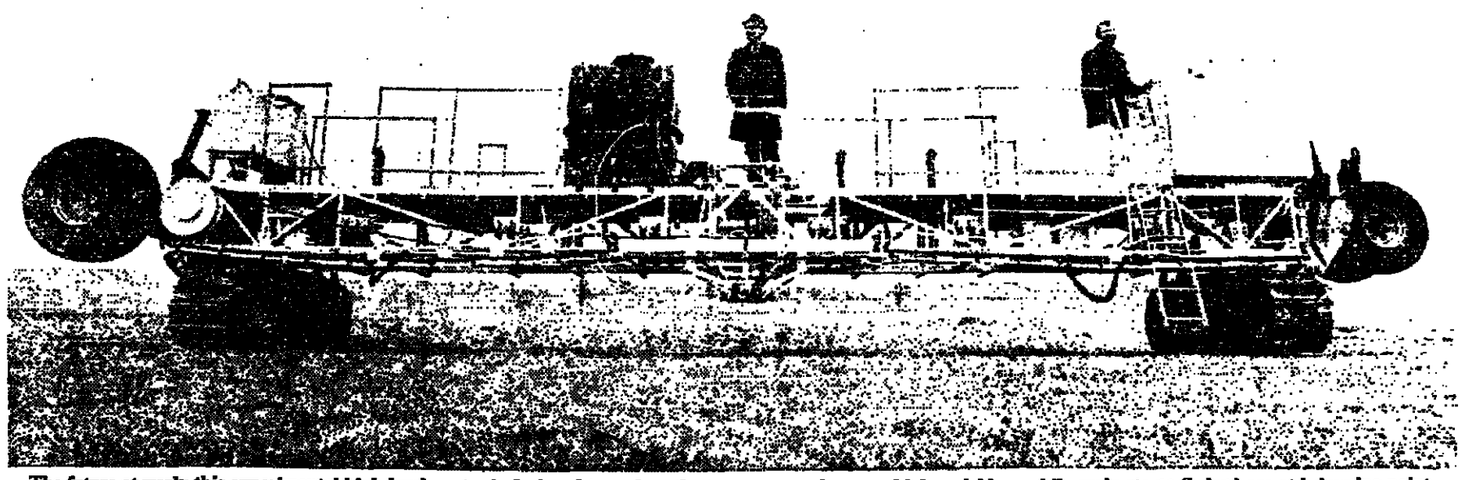
Research that goes against the grain

MOVING MOUNTAINS

Part 4: Science and the storehouse

While Europe's food surpluses grow ever greater, robots are taking to the land, cows are milking themselves, and science is finding many other ways to increase productivity

Nick Rogers



The future at work: this experimental high-level gantry is designed to replace the tractor, ensuring even higher yields — while grain stores (below) are at brimming point

When Europe's granaries are bulging with grain and its dairies brimming with milk and butter, should scientists continue to breed new varieties of high yield-wonder-wheat and super-cows to produce more milk?

As the advertising says, even Fred Botham can't eat three packets of Weetabix for breakfast. And that only leaves the cream on top.

The productivity of arable land in the UK has doubled in 30 years, largely through scientific advances in crop strains. Milk production per cow has doubled over 25 years, largely through advances in breeding and dairy technology. The mountains grow, but the research goes on — for the present.

Mr Michael Jopling, Minister for Agriculture, recently paid tribute to the success of agricultural technology in increasing yields. But he warned: "To apply science in a constructive and coordinated manner it is necessary to stand further back and to take a wider view". Shortly after his address cuts of £20 million in agricultural research and development were disclosed in a Government White Paper.

Scientists, however, would argue that the surpluses may not last for ever. The next generation may be grateful for the advances being made now, many of them designed to reduce the costs of the small farmer.

At an agricultural research centre in the heart of Bedfordshire, a giant machine is towed to the fields. Known as a variable height gantry it can span almost 40ft of land and is designed to replace the tractor. The final version will be a robot-controlled multi-purpose device to carry out all the jobs, from sowing to tending (like spraying and weeding) and harvesting a crop even in wet weather.

At the same research centre, a machine has been developed that will enable a cow, feeling the need to be milked, to meander to a corner of its field — and milk itself. No human hand will be involved; the cow's yield will be higher than before; and the husbandry costs to a small farmer will be reduced.

In Edinburgh scientists are also working on ways to breed cows which give higher yields. The latest innovations could double output again. Demand for milk, meanwhile, remains static.

The main components of milk are proteins, butterfat and lactose. One of the new foodstuffs being developed at the National Institute for Research in Dairying at Reading is a substitute for egg made by extracting whey-proteins. It has already been used as an ingredient in angel cake.

Purified lactose costs about £450 a tonne. The market is saturated, but a biotechnological process of fermentation is being developed to convert it to lactic acid, which is worth over £2,000 a tonne and is widely used in the food industry for its flavour and preservative properties.

Grain brain: John Bingham with Rendezvous, the wonder wheat

Meanwhile, at the Plant Breeding Institute at Cambridge, John Bingham examines his latest wheat hybrid, called Rendezvous. He is one of the world's most successful plant breeders and within the next few weeks he will learn whether 12 years of painstaking research is about to pay dividends.

If the the National Trials List, official guide to farmers of a new superior variety of seed, accepts his strain his judgement in choosing Rendezvous as the best of more than 1,000 hybrids, created by his team more than a decade ago, will be vindicated.

The choice followed an exacting process of selection, which at one stage involves growing more than 20 million plants.

John Bingham says there are 100 reasons to breed new varieties: higher yields, more flavoursome fruits, hardier plants, grain with the best properties for bread-making are a few. Rendezvous was born when spores of the wild Mediterranean goat grass were crossed with a winter wheat by hand pollination, using camel hair brushes.

The alien, coarse variety of Mediterranean grass holds the answer to a spreading plague for the cereal farmer: eyespot. It is a devastating disease which fungicides are failing to control.

Breeding is a combination of art, science and extraordinary patience. At Cambridge, the plant breeder is backed by a team of cytogeneticists, who identify potentially useful genes in wild plants, and plant pathologists, experts in the way diseases spread through crops.

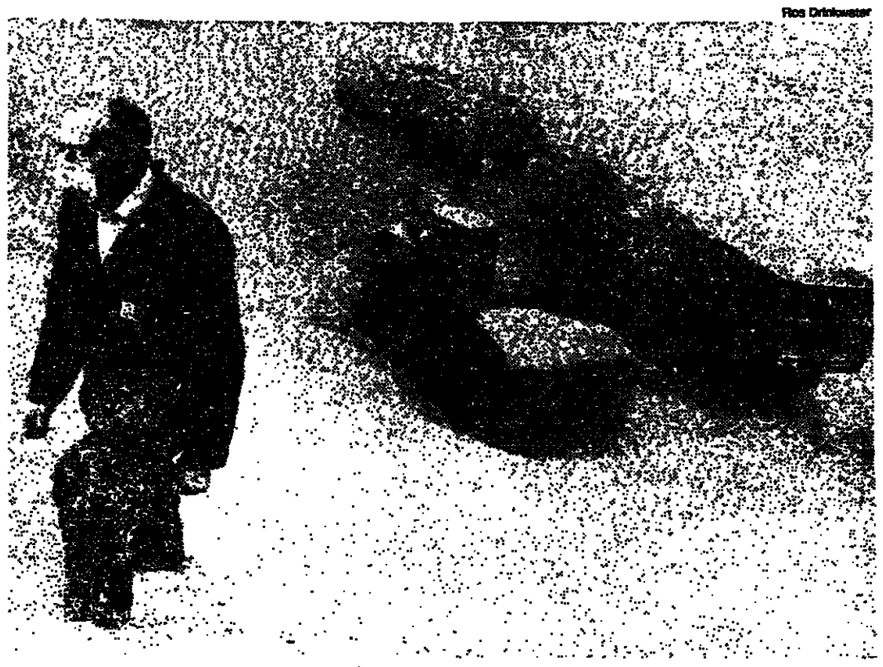
There are no short cuts to new varieties. Even when the new techniques of genetic engineering become useful, it will still take about 10 years to get a new seed into the hands of the farmer.

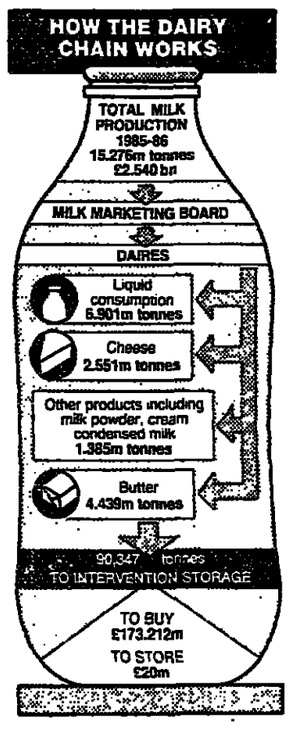
The achievements of the Plant Breeding Institute, which is about to be privatized, are considerable. Its varieties account for 80 per cent of the winter wheat grown in Britain, and the UK yield of 7 tonnes a hectare compares with 2.5 tonnes in the United States.

Improving the protein content of British wheat needed for bread-making has cut imports of North American varieties from 70 per cent to about 30 per cent. In addition to wheat, each year new strains of cereals, potatoes, brassicas and legumes are created.

As the grain mountain grows, the seedstock on which agriculture for the 1990s will depend is already germinating.

Ros Drinkwater





Money in the mountains

Intervention — or buying in goods and storing them — can mean fat profits...

Last year, a Scottish grain company quietly picked up well over half a million pounds of taxpayers' money for simply looking after barley it did not grow . . . a harvest nobody wanted to buy.

Intervention is the name of the game and, as the EEC grapples with a problem that threatens to bankrupt its entire farm policy, the Edinburgh firm of Philip Wilson Corn Factors has become the uncrowned king of Britain's grain mountain

Basically, intervention is the support system that enables farmers to sell surplus stocks to the EEC at guaranteed prices. Result: ever-growing mountains of cereals, butter, beef and milk. Agriculture minister John Gummer has put the price of storing and disposing of the European surpluses at £7.3 billion in 1985. "It is not," he concedes, "a sensible way to spend money."

Nearly six million tonnes of wheat and barley, worth £666 million, were being stored in Britain by the end of last year, plus £400 million of butter and £160 million of beef carcasses.

The taxpayers' ill-wind, however, has been blowing Philip Wilson some good. Latest figures from the Intervention Board for Agriculture Produce, the Reading-based organization responsible for overseeing the Community's surplus buy-in in Britain, reveal 96,684 tonnes of barley in store at Duns, a small farming town near Berwick-upon-Tweed.

Almost 80,000 tonnes of this is in the four huge barns erected on Philip Wilson's 10-acre site. It represents Britain's biggest single store of surplus grain.

The company's chairman and managing director, David Scott, refutes charges that the company is making hay at the taxpayers' expense. "The system of intervention may be wrong but the cost controls are very effective — nobody is making a fortune out of it," he says.

Although the Commons Public Accounts Committee puts the annual cost of storing surplus cereal at £37 a tonne, Mr Scott says that those actually looking after the grain get less than £10. And he points out that barns can be abruptly emptied when customers are found. "If barley is taken out of your store in, say, October, then it is going to stand empty until the following harvest," Scott says.

"Looking after intervention stock is an expensive business. The buildings are very costly, there are rates to pay and there are staff and equipment costs. I wouldn't like to hang my hat on intervention. We regard it as little more than a temporary phenomenon on the farming scene."

The Intervention Board advertises every quantity of grain that needs a home and awards contracts for up to a year to the lowest tender. Exactly how much goes to whom, and for what, remains a secret. The storers maintain they cannot say; the Intervention Board gives nothing but generalized figures.

The Government, however, has estimated that it would cost almost £72.5 million to store surplus cereals this year, plus another £38 million for beef, butter and skimmed milk.

- Britain is a relatively small contributor to the dairy mountain. For example 44 per cent of the milk we produce is drunk in liquid form compared with only 11 per cent in Germany and 9 per cent in France. In France 49 per cent of total milk production goes to butter making, compared with 46 per cent in West Germany and 29 per cent in the UK.
- In 1985 90,347 tonnes of British butter was sold into intervention storage, which is only a tiny fraction (less than 1/150th) of total milk production. Nevertheless it cost £173,212,000 to buy and probably another £20 million to store.
- The situation is complicated by the fact that the UK is a net importer of butter. Last year it imported 139,000 tonnes, of which 78,000 tonnes were from New Zealand under quota agreement. But for this it would not have been necessary to sell any butter into intervention although, ironically, the dairy companies often prefer to do so as they get a better price from the intervention board than they do on the open market.

The unhealthy subsidy

How the EEC is throwing good money into the worst of diets

The Common Agricultural Policy's subsidies are not only a political problem. They also encourage unhealthy eating.

Medical advice is that some major illnesses and causes of death (including cancers and heart disease) could be reduced if we ate less fat, less sugar and more fibre.

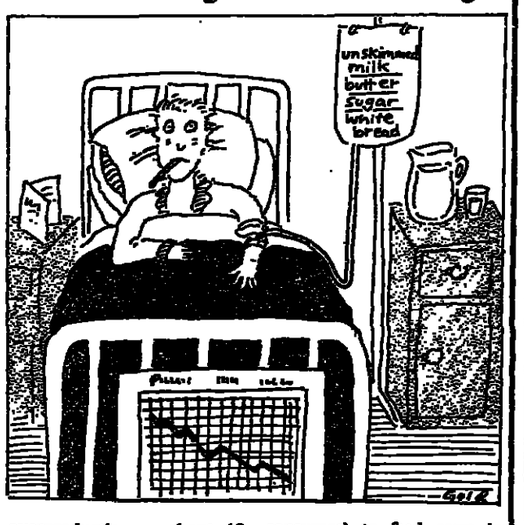
A review of the products directly or indirectly subsidized by the CAP reveals a bizarre picture:

- **Sugar:** Having little or no nutritional value beyond the calories it supplies, sugar is associated with tooth decay, obesity and malnutrition. Under the CAP the EEC has expanded its production of sugar beet to almost half as much again as the actual demand, which has been static or falling since the early 1960s.
- **Cereals:** Nutritionists see advantages in increased consumption of fibre-rich carbohydrates, such as wholemeal bread but the strict quality requirements applied to the CAP cereal regime encourage the production of highly processed white flours, not wholegrain. Quality is defined in terms of performance in mechanized bread-making processes, where white dough is easier to handle.
- **Dairy fat:** Almost a third of the CAP budget is spent on the dairy sector. High support prices have led to chronic overproduction — about 13 per cent despite the introduction of quotas. The Community has relied heavily on subsidized exports to non-EEC countries, but some schemes to encourage EEC consumption are nutritionally perverse. The Community may subsidize milk consumption in schools, but this applies only to whole and semi-skimmed milk, not the (healthiest) skimmed kind. Subsidized sales of butter and cheese to hospitals and charitable institutions actively promote an inappropriate diet, as do subsidized sales of concentrated butter to cake, biscuit, ice cream and confectionery manufacturers.

Generally the EEC chooses to subsidize for human consumption the dairy product with the highest fat content (butter), while skimmed milk products go mainly for animal feed. The European Commission does, however, propose to use some of the 1.3 million tonne European butter mountain (which has laready received a subsidy from the consumer) to feed cows in order to produce more consumer subsidized butter which will go to feed . . .

Medical opinion supports an increase in the ratio of polyunsaturated fats (as in some vegetable margarines). The Commission, conversely, is considering the introduction of an oils and fats tax, to encourage the consumption of butter at the expense of margarine.

- **Meat:** Dietary advice suggests that chicken, turkey and other poultry is better for us than fattier red meat. The CAP gives most support to beef and veal. This keeps their prices artificially high — but poultry prices are also influenced by the high cost of cereals under the CAP support system, making one source of lean protein more expensive.



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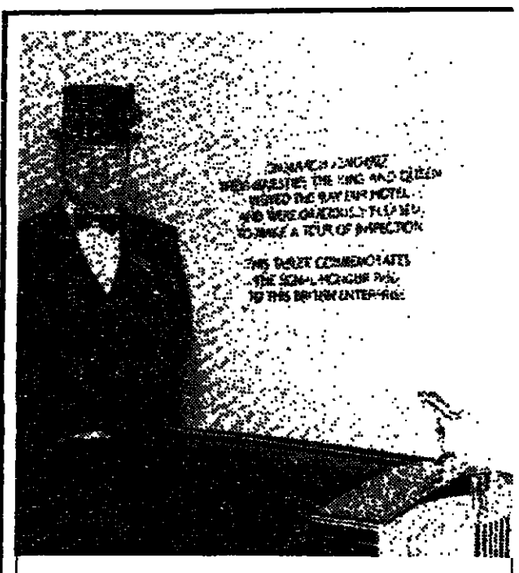

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THE TIMES PROFILE

NANCY REAGAN

She is, in her quiet way, the most influential and feared person in the White House. Tenacious, proud, single-minded, jealously protective of her husband, Mrs Nancy Reagan has emerged in the past six years as a formidable political operator in her own right, a woman whose role in guiding the president, setting his priorities and choosing his associates has made her an indispensible half of a devoted partnership.

President Reagan's most energetic cheerleader, she keeps herself resolutely behind the scenes so that the glory may shine more brightly on him. But at times of crisis, like now, she emerges with an authority and decisiveness that the White House staff disregard at their peril. It is Mrs Reagan who can tilt the balance between squabbling factions, Mrs Reagan who marks down the incompetent or the boastful, Mrs Reagan who prompts the dismissal of those who do not serve the President in the way she thinks best.

How much her pressure led to the resignation on Tuesday of John Poindexter, the National Security Adviser, is unclear. But other senior officials such as George Shultz, the Secretary of State, or Mr Donald Regan, the White House chief of staff, must now be reflecting nervously on a commentator's recent cruel epithet, "the smiling mamba."

Mrs Reagan is accustomed to the limelight. The daughter of an actress, she became one herself and featured in 11 films over seven years before moving into television. For eight years she was the First Lady of California, and appeared at all the ceremonial functions with her husband, Governor Reagan. California remains the couple's favourite retreat and yesterday they flew there — as for every other holiday — to spend the Thanksgiving weekend at their ranch.

Mrs Reagan is an intensely shy, nervous and private person. She is ill at ease in a crowd and compensates with an exaggerated fixed smile, staring eyes and an awkward fidgeting with her hands. She seems lost without her husband beside her. When he returned from the Iceland summit — a trip on which, unusually, she did not accompany him — the whole of America saw her at the foot of the aircraft steps, jumping up and down with excitement as he came down to embrace her.

She has made several broadcasts, either about her own life or to reinforce her anti-drug crusade to get young Americans to "just say no." But she appears strained and unforthcoming. It was only when she made a joint broadcast with the President that she exuded confidence.

Her shyness goes back, perhaps, to her childhood, which was unhappy. Born Ann Francis Robbins in New York city either 63 or 65 years ago (the muddle over her real age has never been resolved), she was a lonely girl, whose mother was often working and whose father, a car salesman, was absent. When she was two, her mother sent her to live with an aunt for five years. The first security she knew came when Dr Loyal Davis married her mother and adopted her, changing her name.

Her entry into political life was not easy. She was not a political person. Diminutive and pretty, her interests were in fashion and money, and the gossip of the wealthy, socialite circle she came from in southern California, where she met Ronald. But she quickly identified her new role, when they moved into the governor's mansion in Sacremento: it was to protect the privacy of "Ronnie," and their life together. "My life began with Ronnie", she used to say. "My life began when I got married."

But gradually her role widened; protecting him also meant protecting him politically. And for that, she had to immerse herself in his world of politics. "I think I'm aware of people who are trying to take advantage of my husband, who are trying to end-run him, lots of times, who are trying to use him," she has said. "I'm very aware of that. All my little antennas go up."

Several White House figures have felt her enmity. She was active in ousting former Secretary of State Alexander Haig and former national security adviser William Clark from the cabinet, and it is strongly rumoured that she would like to see Donald Regan go as well. She has sided with moderates against hard-line conservatives. But like Lady Macbeth, she has had to steel her husband's resolve when there has been a need to take the tough decisions on sacking people; often he refuses to. Reagan is not the sort of person to voice criticism of a subordinate's performance directly. But he might repeat it to Mrs Reagan, and she will then telephone the hapless individual and pass on the message.

When she is angry or upset, she retreats into a shell, sometimes refusing to speak to people for days. She has known wounding public criticism, right from her arrival at the White House; her mannerisms, her apparent frivolity and her rich friends. They called her "Queen Nancy", mocked all her dresses and criticised her expensive refurbishing of the White House at a time of economic slump.

Advisers steered Mrs Reagan into taking a more active role in social issues and her discovery of the drug crisis has given her a real role, an image of compassion and a visibility that has sent her popularity soaring. She has taken her crusade all over the world, separating from her husband on his Asian tour to press home the message. It has made her more adept at public relations, and she even conducts some press briefings on her own.

Her influence has often extended beyond personnel to her husband's policies. She is thought to be one of the driving forces that moderated his anti-Soviet rhetoric so that he could pursue arms control agreements with the Soviets. She is keenly aware of public opinion, and saw that the Democrats would make much in the 1984 election of her husband's failure to meet a Soviet leader or seek agreement. On one famous occasion even Andrei Gromyko, the grim-faced former Soviet foreign minister, turned to her for help, asking that she whisper "peace" in the President's ear last thing every night.

Michael Reagan, the president's eldest son by his first marriage — to the actress Jane Wyman — said his father would not have reached the White House but for Mrs Reagan. Once installed, he has leaned on her for support in all the critical moments: after the 1981 asssassination attempt during his cancer operation last year, and of course now, when his political fortunes, his huck and his famed communications skills all seem to have deserted him.

The first lady has grown more confident in her role as confidante, and is able to comfort and advise her husband, who despite a superficial gregariousness is really an aloof man with few close friends. Nevertheless, despite her concern to be the lynchpin of her family, she has not always got on well with her children. They find her too jealously protective of their father. Her daughter Patti wrote a devastating book which depicted her mother as cold and calculating.

And there was considerable strain with Michael Reagan's family. In a television profile of Mrs Reagan, Michael says of Nancy's relationship with the President: "She's watched out for him, she's taken care of him, she's taken care of the details, she's worried, worried, and worried for him. And it's because of that, that they are both where they are today." No one in the White House, or indeed America, underestimates Mrs Nancy Reagan.

Michael Binyon

BIOGRAPHY

1921: Born Ann Francis Robbins, New York, though she has claimed it was 1923.
1940s: Became Hollywood starlet. Later helped by Reagan, as president of Screen Actors' Guild, after she appeared on list of "communists" in McCarthy witch-hunt.
1952: Married Reagan — already pregnant with first child, Patti.
1958: Son, Ron jnr.
1981: Reagans move into White House, "Queen Nancy" row breaks, to which she responds: "a crown would spoil my hair."
1981: Represents President at Prince Charles wedding.
1982: Launches "just say no" anti-drugs campaign.

Do-it-yourself homes fit for the Prince

How the inner-city project that today inspires a new Royal initiative is making builders of mothers

Tom Kidd

We can do that: Genevieve Jones (front) and homesteaders

Genevieve Jones, community architect, sits at a drawing board in a Stirling tenement. She works to a background of whirling drills and chugging cement mixers. At her feet is a roll of electrical wire, a few inches from her head stands a stopcock. Around her, unemployed people, single parents, the low paid, are working to realize a dream, making new homes in the decayed centre of Scotland's industrial heartland.

It is all a long way from a theatre in the West End of London, but the physical distance is deceptive; in other ways, the Colquhoun Street tenement and the Astoria Theatre are at one with each other.

Today at the Astoria, Prince Charles launches the Inner City Trust and its fund-raising arm, Inner City Aid — and the Colquhoun Street project is a prime realization of his refurbishment vision.

The project was organized by Rod Hackney, Prince Charles's architectural advisor. Hackney was asked by Stirling district council in 1984 to take a look at a tenement built in 1902 and boarded up 15 years ago after it was condemned. With a long waiting list for homes, the council felt that something had to be done to house young people and the low paid.

Hackney's team was able to design nine new houses and 27 small flats, funded by the council and two local building societies. The new householders will have mortgages of between £10,000 and £12,000. The two and three-bedroom houses will be worth in excess of £30,000 and the one-bedroomed flats up to £20,000.

Prince Charles visited Colquhoun Street last month and told the members of the project that he was "immensely impressed" by their scheme. The project members were themselves impressed by the Prince's enthusiasm.

Genevieve Jones lives on the site and she is on call to the self-builders from 8am to 11pm. Living on the job means constant reappraisal and redesign, making the flats meet the demands of their future owners. Every few minutes a mud-spattered self-builder emerges from the rain wanting anything from advice to a cup of tea. If Genevieve — Gen to her "clients" — thinks a little more dedication to finishing the job is needed she is quick to cajole: "You could be finished for Christmas", she told one young man who was not putting in enough hours.

When another project member said he was off home because of the weather she responded sharply: "Why? It's not raining in your flat is it?

"The community spirit is tremendous. It was there more when we started because everyone worked together to clear the ground and take away all the bags of unmentionable filth from inside the tenement. Now that the work is well on, everyone is in their own space choosing bathrooms and kitchens and furnishings."

Anne Bailey, a single parent with a 16-year-old daughter — they live in bed and breakfast accomodation — was one of the first to be accepted to refurbish a tenement flat. She has been repointing internal brickwork, hammering plasterboard to walls and replacing lintels. The only work she and the other project members have not done themselves has been the electrical wiring and the plumbing.

"It is amazing what you can do when you have no roof over your head, as was the case when I started", said Anne, who comes from Stirling originally but had been away for ten years until she split up from her husband.

"It is a marvellous scheme and the Inner City Trust needs to fund more projects like it. I've made a lot of good friends", said Anne, who now works as a clerical officer in a local hospital.

Unemployed diesel fitter Maurice Brown, aged 23, has almost finished his one-bedroom flat. He decided to keep the old pine doors of the original building and has stained the skirting boards with mahogany varnish. The bathroom has walls and ceiling of impressively tongued and grooved pine — all done by him.

He says: "Anyone joining this kind of scheme must realize the commitment. Don't give up — it will be worth it in the end."

Howard Foster

'It's amazing what you can do when you have no roof'

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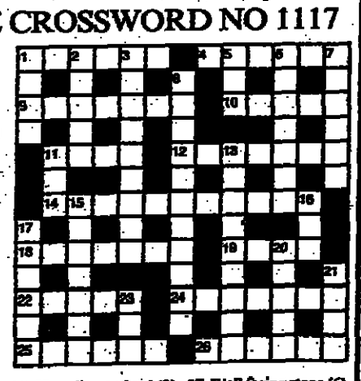

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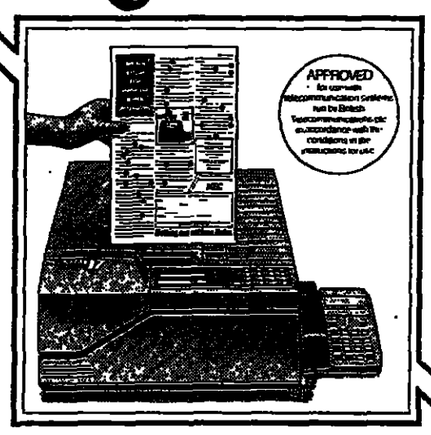

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BOOKS

Great Great Grandfather of the Greens

Fiona MacCarthy reviews the diary and Whitbread-winning life of the father of English nature lovers

THE JOURNALS OF GILBERT WHITE 1751-1773
Volume One
Edited by Francesca Greenoak
Century, £25

GILBERT WHITE
By Richard Mabey
Century, £14.95

This is a good week both for the greens and the green-fingered, with the publication of the first volume of *The Journals of Gilbert White*, the raw material for *The Natural History of Selborne*, hard on the heels of Richard Mabey's fine biography. Together these books alter one's view of White decisively, destroying the old image of sweet, equable recluse, the Moldy Warp the Mole of English Literature, and replacing it with someone much more edgy and neurotic, and in some ways quite astonishingly modern in his outlook.

Perhaps Richard Mabey goes a little far in claiming Gilbert White as the father of ecology. But he had a modern ecologist's quiet passion for the pattern of the landscape and the complicated built-in balances of nature, and that stubbornness one sees now in the new environmentalists walking around London in their Natural Shoe Co. footwear. He was certainly an early Real Food fanatic, with his love of nuts and salads, subtle textures, intense flavours. His fastidious Eighteenth-Century aesthetic, both of culinary nature and nature in the landscape, links him in a sense that is revealing and surprising with the present day exponents of *cuisine nature*.

He supported the erratic. It became his great fixation: "I never see a Spot which lies much out of Levele but I think of you", wrote White's great friend John Mulso. Mulso, an old Oxford friend and a co-clergyman, whose life-long correspondence with White is one of Richard Mabey's most valuable sources, recognized and liked the fact that Gilbert White was so inspired by the random and irregular in nature. These reflected the unevennesses of his own existence, the "scambling rantipole life" that Mulso envied. It is heartening to find White so receptive, prone to accident. His relationship with Selborne itself was fairly casual. His recordings are in fact fantastically unmethodical, ebbing and flowing with the onrush of enthusiasms.

Actually, he is almost always mad about the melon. There is something about melons that unfailingly delights him. He also loves the cucumber; but melons are his favourite, and from the very early entries in his journals, in the *Garden Kalendar* of the 1750s, the most enthralling references are all those to the melons, which in their exotic, rarefied, grotesque appearance and the feats of horticulture entailed in their production are the epitome of Eighteenth-Century taste. There are few directly personal comments in White's journals. The formula is mostly quasi-scientific. But a strong sense of his character, obsessive, tense, and sensuous, breaks through in the accounts of the Selborne melon mania. He constructs hot beds for melons; piles on dung; plants and transplants them. Cuts them; eats them carefully. Makes judgments. Saves the seed.

His nervousness encouraged him to make for the enclosed existence of the Hampshire village, hemmed in literally and symbolically by the network of deep gouged out lanes surrounding Selborne. But once there, Selborne turned into a place he could branch out from. And in rather the same way he embraced the formal framework of the scientific journal only to break free of it. In 1768, he began compiling *The Naturalist's Journal*, a standardized diary for the scientific gentleman. But soon his observations overflowed pre-ordained columns, and he then began inserting his own blank pages too. White makes one reconsider the whole function of a diary as one watches the entries in his journals filling out and acquiring their own rhythm and conviction. The diary seems to come to be his way of getting through.

"*Hirundo domestica*!!!" He uses exclamation marks for things that really thrill him like, every year, the reappearance of the swallow. Of all creatures he finds birds the most amusing and mysterious, and birds inspire his closest and fondest observations, the acutest of his insights. Richard Mabey argues that White is less important for his formal scientific observations, though these in themselves are by no means negligible, than for this very sentient attitude to nature, in which he seems more early Nineteenth-Century than Eighteenth.

White is a man of instinct. He studies instinct avidly, marvelling *ad infinitum* about birds' migration patterns. His observational methods, his unorthodox attentiveness to very smallest details of animal behaviour, are shot through with emotion.

He is genuinely, transparently, keen on living creatures, even if after dissection they arrive on his own dinner table; and it is his serious longing to find echoes and connections which makes White appear so much in tune with people now. One of the great treats of Mabey's book is turning tables and scrutinizing White, early on a displaced person, insecure and very lonely, emerging as one of the leaders of his circle, with his own definite role in the small world of horticulture, swapping seeds, exchanging anecdotes on how the sea kale grows.

Some biographies work well because the people who have written them are different from their subject; some the opposite. Richard Mabey is an argument for the kindred spirit. He has had a deep rapport with White the man and with White's countryside. He has done his fieldwork with a manic assiduity, tramping Selborne's sunken lanes, and exploring in great detail White's dense, luxuriant, and *muddled* English landscape. He has eaten of the melon, and it shows.

Anyway he passes with an extreme rapidity that ultimate test of good literary biography. He leaves the reader desperate to get back to the original; and the newly-published *Journals*, less worked over than the *History*, are the closest to the basic Gilbert White one can approach. They are excellently edited and indexed, and to a generation so much inclined to wallow in Edwardian Gentlewoman's Garden reminiscence Gilbert White's observations are startling in their purity. There is no nostalgia in his view of nature.

In these circumstances how odd, and how mistaken, to have designed this book to be a visual pastiche.

Will Russia ever be free? Maybe never

FICTION

Elaine Feinstein

FOREVER FLOWING
By Vasily Grossman
Collins Harvill, £10.95

THE INJURED PARTY
By Susan Fromberg
Hamish Hamilton, £10.95

THE VOYEUR
By Alberto Moravia
Secker & Warburg, £9.95

Only one form of retribution is visited upon an executioner, Vasily Grossman observes. "He ceases to be a human being." To make this spiritual death seem a worse slavery than the suffering of those behind barbed wire is one of the many triumphs of this short, poignant novel. It remains hard to see how Grossman could have begun *Forever Flowing* in 1955 in Russia with any hope of ever seeing it published.

Without the huge canvas of his masterpiece *Life and Fate*, this novel is a series of sketches linked only by the return of Ivan from 30 years in a Siberian camp. For Ivan, the change he sees in his friends is as appalling as any of the horrors he has survived. Among those he meets are those who have been scared into treachery; others whose envy and greed led them to rejoice as the Stalinist campaign against "cosmopolitans" saw the brilliant demoted; and others still who accepted what was happening with wilful blindness. "It was very hard to go about one's work knowing that professors and academicians had turned out to be assassins." Some of the most unnerving scenes in the novel describe Kulaks dragged off their land on foot through mud so deep it dragged their boots off; or whole families of them left to die of starvation with their children's thin faces looking like dead birds.

In most of those who escaped such horrors Ivan found a submissive hypocrisy, which made them as much a prisoner of their own fears as any brutality could have made them. The book is not only a catalogue of human evil, however. There are people who remain tender and gentle against all reason; uncomplaining, religious spirits who accept the worst that can be done to human beings without losing their feeling for those around them. Their love has a Dostoevskian nobility. Yet Grossman explicitly recognizes, even as he delineates their behaviour, the fatal link between the very beauty of the Russian soul which accepted Christ's gospel so ecstatically, and the equally ready acceptance of this world's flavouring. In this, his last book, Grossman asks his most despairing question: "When will Russia ever be free? Perhaps never."

Writers in the West usually confront different issues; and many of us will feel more at home with *Ms* Schaeffer's elegant New York wit. *The Injured Party* draws a funny, frank portrait of an obsessional woman writer whose work habits would worry any husband. "Suppose she began an enormously long book? Would she stay in the house for two years? Would she never wear anything but the blue kimono?" Iris's ordinary behaviour is modified by a spell in hospital into the altogether surreal. She takes to her bed, stops talking even to her children, and watches the days go by, staring out of the window at trees and sky while the rest of the household revolves around her.

In this total withdrawal, she remains indifferent to all claims upon her, until a lover from 20 years back, who had once declared his inability to love her, turns up at her door stricken by a mortal illness and bereaved of both wife and family. Iris's husband, bemused by his inability to cope with his wife's condition, allows the man to move into the family home in the hope that his presence will at least restore to his wife some wish for communication. His plan succeeds rather better than he hoped. About human relationships at once absurd and edgy, Ms Schaeffer is both humane and wise. Yet the effect of the novel, finally, is close to hallucination, for all the accurate dialogue and precise observation of place and weather. Something in the story itself has the feel of a fairy tale.

Moravia has always been a subtle master of the erotic in all its perversity. Yet this fastidiously clever study of a son's perennial rivalry with his bed-ridden but still potent father is curiously uninvolving. We are made helplessly into voyeurs ourselves by Moravia's insistence on letting us see the shape of events to come before the narrator discovers them. There is no surprise in finding out either the true reason for his wife's leaving home or the name of her lover, once a childhood memory of parental love-making has been put together with the wife's description of her own sexual behaviour. Perhaps the novel would have made more sense if it had turned out to be only fantasy, or even, as the poem of Baudelaire so loved by the narrator and given body in the real world, almost supernatural. But Moravia's intentions appear to be more clinical than poetic.

French fantasy from Chiswick

Victoria Glendinning

ALAIN-FOURNIER
A Brief Life
By David Arkell
Carcanet, £9.95

TOWARDS THE LOST DOMAIN
Letters from London 1905
By Henri Alain-Fournier
Edited and translated by W.J. Strachan
Carcanet, £16.95

David Arkell, billed in the blurb as "the noted literary sleuth", sums up the life of Alain-Fournier (1886-1914) in a sentence: he was "a country boy who stormed Paris, wrote a best-seller, and won the love of a famous actress." Arkell fills out the picture with a similar economy in his short, sharp biography, the first in English. The best-seller was *Le Grand Meaulnes*, published the year before its author was killed in World War I; one of the great and justly famous novels of adolescence, it has been translated into more than thirty languages. The famous actress was Simone Casimir-Perier – but she was not the inspiration for the haunting Yvonne in *Le Grand Meaulnes*.

When he was 18 Fournier spotted a slim blonde girl in a Paris street, followed her, spoke to her and, until his death at 27, remained obsessed by his vision of her. He was a virtuoso in nostalgia. The unattainable person, or the place he had just left, was always perfection. Later in the year that he saw his Yvonne, he spent three months in England; on the point of returning home, he wrote: "Nothing will stop my craving for their tea...When I'm back home, you'll see, I'll love everything in England twice as much."

His time in England was, on the face of it, unglamorous. He was working for Sanderson's, the wallpaper people, at their factory in Turnham Green, translating letters in the export department. He lodged in Chiswick with the family of Mr Nightingale, the company secretary. W.J. Strachan has collected and translated the letters he wrote home. Aficionados of *Le Grand Meaulnes* can see the germ of a masterpiece growing in his literary letters; another pleasure is to glimpse London in 1905 through the eyes of a young French provincial.

The unforgettable central episode in *Le Grand Meaulnes* is when a schoolboy, lost in the freezing night, stumbles upon the strange fête in the lost domain – a children's fancy-dress party in a magical château in the woods. The dream-girl in the lost domain was the girl he saw in Paris, and the château was a real one in his native Sologne. But the mysterious party was inspired by two garden fêtes attended by young Fournier during his London summer: a Congregational Church fête and flower-show, and the sports-day and dance organized by Sanderson's social club. Never before can such resolutely Anglo-Saxon entertainment have been transformed into such delicately Gallic fantasy. It's wonderful what imagination can do.

Fournier was enchanted by London's suburbia, seeing the streets of ordinary Victorian villas as rows of little châteaux. He was less enchanted by the unspeakable and insufficient food (the Nightingales had high tea and no evening dinner), and dismayed by English girls, even the attractive ones. Accustomed to demure *jeunes filles* whose remoteness satisfied his romantic temperament, he found the casualness and easy chatter of their English counterparts almost shocking.

Worse still, English girls wore no corsets, which gave them "a loose, floppy look", according to Strachan's translation. In his chapter on the London visit, Arkell quotes the same letter; in this version the lack of corsets made everything the girls were look "too free and easy". Comparing other renderings of Fournier's letters, it becomes apparent that either Strachan or Arkell (or both) is no good. There are gross disparities in the translations and, once, in the whole sense of an anecdote. Corsets apart, you'd have thought that they could have got together over it, or that Carcanet, who publish both books, could have done a better liaison job.

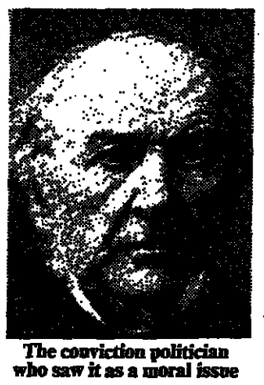
Bringing God into politics

John Campbell

GLADSTONE
1809-74
By H.C.G. Matthew
Oxford, £15

The sheer scale of Gladstone's political career is mind-boggling. Try, as his latest biographer suggests, transposing the dates to imagine a Twentieth-Century equivalent. First elected to Parliament in 1832, he finally retired in 1898, having been Chancellor of the Exchequer for a total of almost ten years, and Prime Minister in four administrations for more than twelve. But – longevity apart – the prodigious intensity of his personality is even harder for our debased generation to comprehend. The stupendous physical and intellectual energy, the spiritual and sexual anguish, the high moral seriousness which determined the use of every God-given minutes of his time were astonishing to his contemporaries, but are almost literally inconceivable to us, raised as we are on cynicism and pap. If anyone can comprehend him for us, however, it is the editor of his monumental diaries – nine volumes so far published.

Dr Matthew's book is not in truth either a conventional biography or strictly new, but a reprint – slightly reordered and with two additional chapters – of his superb Introductions to each pair of volumes of the diary. They do demand a good deal of previous knowledge of mid-Victorian politics – they are preferably to be read alongside Richard Shannon's biography, of which we eagerly await the second volume; but it was an excellent idea to bring them together in a form accessible to the general reader. Within quite a short compass they form an extraordinarily comprehensive commentary on Gladstone's life and thought, lucidly explicating the almost overpowering religious, moral, and philosophical preoccupations which he transmuted so astonishingly into political action.



The conviction politician who saw it as a moral issue

Though a supreme politician who enjoyed the game as much as anyone, Gladstone's political purposes were above all religious. Wisely dissuaded by his father from the clerical career he felt he ought to have followed, he devoted his life instead first to proving that politics could be a godly pursuit at the personal level (in refutation of Palmerston and Disraeli), more broadly to the reshaping of secular society on what he conceived to be moral lines. This, in his great sequence of Budgets of the 1850s and 1860s, establishing free trade and the proper balance of direct and indirect taxation, he largely achieved. He conceived of his accession to the Premiership in 1868 as the culmination of this process, not as a new beginning. Such was the inexhaustible fertility of his mind, however, that his mid-century Liberal synthesis contained the seeds of future developments that he could not have dreamed of. He himself actually retired for the first time in 1874, yet was still Prime Minister twenty years later.

And all the time he was reading and writing prodigiously, walking great distances, felling trees and translating Homer, praying strenuously, fathering nine children, "rescuing" prostitutes without fear of ridicule or exposure, and scourging himself afterwards for his sins. Just thinking about Gladstone is for a modern reader deeply humbling.

Amateur 8th Army before Monty

William Jackson

DILEMMAS OF THE DESERT WAR
A new look at the Libyan Campaign 1940-1942
By Michael Carver
Batsford, £14.95

Since Field Marshal Lord Carver wrote his *Tobruk* and *El Alamein* in the 1960s, much has been published about the Desert War. Unfortunately, most of the authors have been over-influenced by the controversial judgements in John Connell's *Auchinleck* and Correlli Barnett's *Desert Generals*: neither of them has much good to say about General Sir Neil Ritchie, Montgomery's predecessor as Commander 8th Army, who was trounced by Rommel in the disastrous battles of Gazalla in the summer of 1942.

Neil Ritchie died in 1983, and his family presented his papers to the Imperial War Museum hoping, no doubt, that an author could be found to present his side of the story, which he had refused to do during his life time out of loyalty to Auchinleck. Who better to undertake the task than Lord Carver, who fought in most of the desert battles as a commander or operational staff officer? His later career makes his judgements all the more important.

But a vindication of Ritchie is only possible within the context of the whole campaign, and not just the battles of Gazalla. The seeds of that disaster were sown by Wavell and watered by Auchinleck before Ritchie took over 8th Army. *Dilemmas of the Desert War* is a reassessment of the whole campaign, based on a detailed study of the War Diaries, and concentrates on what went wrong, why, and who was to blame.

Mike Carver's conclusions do not flatter the British Army. "There was no lack of intention at the top to impose a directing intelligence and will: the trouble was the machine was not capable of producing the results demanded of it." In short, British military amateurism was no match for German professionalism until Montgomery, the professional and a much less likeable man, took over.

The author knew and served under most of the principal actors in the desert drama. All are now dead, so he has been franker about them than he could be in his earlier books. They were not supermen, but were no better or worse than those who succeeded them. It takes time and many bitter lessons to create a professional army. If Montgomery had been appointed to 8th Army earlier he would probably have resolved some of the desert dilemmas, but he might equally well have been sacked for recalcitrance.

It would be nice to record that the Field Marshal's study enhances Ritchie's reputation, but this is only partially so. He confirms the general view that he was a sound, straightforward soldier, placed in an impossible position by Auchinleck. He was 8th Army Commander only in name: in reality he was chargé d'affaires, not plenipotentiary. He should have demanded freedom to command 8th Army in his own way or resigned. "But he was too decent, loyal and traditional a soldier to put his superior, whom he liked and admired, in such a difficult position." High command in war demands more ruthless qualities. Montgomery had and knew how to use them.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Party lines

Are the Liberals imagining things? Simon Bryceson, deputy secretary general, tells me that the party's Whitehall HQ is getting crossed telephone lines to Conservative Central Office. For several weeks, he says, staff have been picking up their receivers only to find themselves party to conversations between Central Office and Tory constituency branches. All the more odd, if true, since the two headquarters are not on the same exchange. Bryceson hints darkly that some of the information he has picked up would embarrass the Tories if made public. Is a sympathizer at British Telecom playing dirty tricks, or are the Liberals the object of a hoax?

Riposte

Robert Maxwell is to publish an instant book on his libel victory over *Private Eye* called *Malice in Wonderland*. He is also bringing out a one-off magazine called *Not Private Eye*, consisting of contributions by "many who have suffered from Lord Gnome's hatchet men". Incredibly, the book looks as if it will be on the shelves by next week. A statement signed by "Not Lord Maxwell" said the magazine, out in two weeks' time, would sell for 50p. This is half the price of the *Eye*'s special £1 glossy issue, which it hopes will raise funds to help pay the costs and damages of the trial. I wonder which will sell the most?

Unmerited

I would not have expected the old boy network to have much relevance for the SDP, but perhaps I am mistaken. A candidate interviewed recently for the post of press officer was taken aback when MP Ian Wrigglesworth, as an opener, barked "What's your school?". On hearing the answer (an obscure Catholic college, as it happens) Wrigglesworth appeared to lose all enthusiasm.

● **Overheard in the Commons: Clare Short and Tony Benn discussing Mrs Thatcher's recent claim that the Conservatives will destroy socialism within two decades. "Only if Neil Kinnock doesn't do it first," said Benn.**

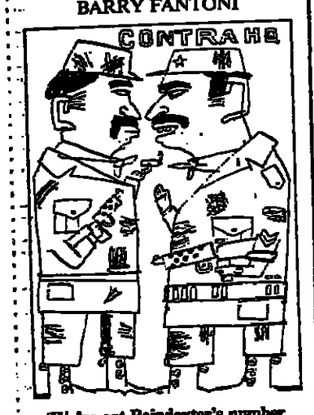
All-time Greats

Oxford University examiners remain more or less in tune with the trends of youth judging by this year's entrance examination general paper. One question concerned Bob Geldof's Live Aid and another asked candidates to consider the more profound implications of the Bruce Springsteen lyric "Is a dream a lie, if it don't come true, or is it something worse?" The question then asks: "Are our unfulfillable hopes and aspirations dishonest? If so, in what ways and to whom?" A tough one. Sixteen-year-old Sarah Lyons from Surbiton, who sat the exam this week, tells me she chose not to answer this question because "it was too abstract." A university spokeswoman points out that "it illustrates that philosophical problems crop up everywhere."

Déjà vu

Behind-the-scenes nail biting on the first night of *The Women* at the Old Vic this week. Guest of honour for the 50th anniversary production of the Broadway comedy, which is about gossiping high society New York ladies, was the author, 83-year-old Clare Boothe Luce. Unfortunately she got stuck in the traffic and the start was delayed for 10 minutes. But the anxiety of production staff and cast — including Susannah York, Georgina Hale and Maria Aitken — was unfounded. "You shouldn't have bothered," said Mrs Luce on arriving. "I've seen it hundreds of times already".

BARRY FANTONI



'We've got Poindexter's number, amigo. It's in a Swiss bank'

Over their heads

After meeting armadillos from Texas and Maoris from New Zealand at the World Travel Market in London this week, I bumped into a Korean tiger. Not the real thing, of course, but a boy in a furry orange and black striped suit named Hodori who is the official mascot for the 1988 Seoul Olympics. I thought there were no tigers in Korea. But Chang Hyo Kang, UK director of the South Korean tourist office, tells me there are plenty, although they are rarely seen because most hide in the no-man's land of the demilitarized zone. This long, narrow strip separating North and South Korea has become, quite fortuitously, a wild life paradise.

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Kinnock's US conundrum

Smooth talk or fighting stance on defence?

Robin Oakley, Political Editor, spells out the Washington alternatives

Neil Kinnock will fly to the United States this weekend on a mission which could prove crucial to Labour's hopes of returning to power. As the election nears, the Tories are emphasizing Kinnock's lack of experience and Labour's unilateralist defence policy. Both factors will be under close scrutiny throughout his trip.

Kinnock's attempts so far to build up his international (and therefore his home) standing have lent themselves easily to Tory caricature. The Tebbit line goes: he went to Greece and gave away the Elgin marbles, he went to India and gave away Britain's immigration laws; what would this man not give away in his eagerness to impress if he ever became prime minister? Here is a man, the implication goes, that you could not trust to stand eyeball to eyeball with Gorbachov or to ensure Britain's adequate defence.

Kinnock's last visit to the US was not entirely successful. He had a celebrated row with George Shultz over Central America and told the press that the usually equable Secretary of State had "got out of his pram" — a remark later translated as "Mr Shultz had departed from his normal diplomatic calm".

Perhaps on that occasion it suited Kinnock's party needs to show his macho qualities in dealing with the Americans. But he must play a more sophisticated game this time, since he is presenting himself as a possible prime minister.

Selling the Americans the notion of a non-nuclear Britain will be almost impossible. Kinnock is pledged to scrap Polaris, cancel Trident and close down US nuclear bases in Britain. It would be the most dramatic switch in British policy for 40 years, the first time any Nato ally had taken the decision to reverse a nuclear role.

Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, and his deputy, Richard Perle, angered Labour by launching an assault on that policy at the time of this year's Labour conference, saying it would wreck Nato and lead to the US withdrawing into a Fortress America isolationism. Denis Healey denounced them for acting in collusion with the Tories. But when Kinnock tried to dismiss their intervention as having been disowned by the White House, Charles Price, the US ambassador, bluntly corrected him.

Kinnock's hope of selling his policies at least to the Democrats has been dashed recently as those who have come to London to meet him have warned him with equal fervour that his policies would be catastrophic for the alliance and would sunder the transatlantic special relationship.

Few Americans follow British politics in detail, but as Kinnock appears on TV chat shows and interviews over the next week they will be disappointed to find that the man they have vaguely heard of as a moderate battling to free his party from left-wing extremists is offering what they regard as a backward and left-wing defence policy.

So how does he hope to convince the Americans? Kinnock concedes that he will make few converts. But he does hope for an understanding of Labour's aims. He will argue that an impoverished Britain has a choice between Trident or a proper conventional defence and that it makes much more sense to have the ability to counter a Warsaw Pact advance with sufficient conventional forces than to be committed to threatening a nuclear first strike which nobody believes would be launched.

Labour, he will say, is not abandoning defence but the unnecessary and unusable nuclear force in order to maximize our conventional deterrent against a conventional war in Europe. Savings from Trident will go on more conventional arms.

Kinnock will have to answer some questions about Labour's plans. He says that he rejects America's nuclear umbrella. But Denis Healey says that as long as Britain remains in Nato we are protected against Soviet nuclear blackmail by the American deterrent. Is Kinnock only ruling out the first use of nuclear weapons on our behalf or is he ruling out their use in all circumstances?

If he is saying he wants no nuclear shield for Britain's forces in Germany, is that not laying them open as a softer target than the rest for any Soviet advance?

What access would the US be given to their bases if it came to a war? Would he then relent, or surrender? What, by his definition, qualifies as a nuclear base: one with nuclear weapons stockpiled or one *capable* of use by nuclear-armed aircraft? How quickly would Labour insist on dismantling US nuclear bases? How much intelligence activity would still be permitted?

How soon would it be before Labour, under economic pressures, abandoned the present commitment to spend more on defence overall? How can Kinnock control the would-be neutralists in his party who want to take Britain out of Nato altogether, given that there will be a huge influx from the left if Labour wins enough seats to get into government? How would Nato remain united if Britain were to abandon its key nuclear role?.

Labour has been a little short of transatlantic contacts since the exodus to the SDP but John Gilbert, Dick Douglas, Bruce George and George Robertson, Labour's foreign affairs spokesmen, keep links open. Robertson, Barry John, Kevin Macnamara and Martin O'Neil, who spent three weeks in the US last summer, have been among those dining at the US embassy and with visiting senators in recent weeks, feeding their reactions to the party leader.

Americans will have noticed the inordinate amount of Kinnock's party conference speech this year devoted to an assault on US policies in Nicaragua and El Salvador, a clear swaying before the wind of Labour's anti—American streak.

So if Kinnock, despite his charm, does have a hard time in America on this trip there is always the possibility of a reaction against American interference in British politics should Washington appear to be threatening dire consequences in the event of a Labour government. He might be obliged to drop the charm and try the macho approach once again.

Philip Jacobson on what the Colonel North affair means for Reagan's chief crusade

Is the Contra cause sunk beyond saving?

A Contra on watch at a camp on the Honduras border. But how many more anti-aircraft missiles will the US supply?

As reverberations of the Reagan administration's adventure in Iran continue to shake Washington, the punch-drunk leaders of the Nicaraguan Contras must wonder what further disasters can overtake them. It is barely a week since Eugene Hasenfus, the American gun-runner, was convicted by a Sandinista court after a trial that blew the cover off the clandestine (possibly illegal) US network which had been supplying them with much-needed arms and ammunition. That alone was enough to ensure that the newly elected Democratic majority in both houses of Congress would take a lot more convincing about the wisdom of voting for further financial asssistance to the rebels.

At the same time, although the first instalments of the $100 million in US aid that President Reagan won from Congress earlier this year were at last beginning to flow, the Contras had to demonstrate their worth on the battlefield against a much superior enemy. When Sandinista forces began softening up their base camps in Honduras last month, morale slumped. In private, prominent Contra officials would concede that they needed a good break as never before.

What they got, instead, is the rough end of the worst scandal to engulf the Reagan White House. With the ignominious sacking of the National Security Council's Colonel Oliver North they have lost a supreme fixer, the man at the centre of a web of strategically placed sympathizers who could arrange an airdrop of Kalashnikov rifles inside Nicaragua with a couple of telephone calls.

Even worse, the President who once hailed the Contras as "freedom fighters" in the heroic mould of America's founding fathers is today seen distancing himself from the murkier aspects of the Nicaraguan operation with all possible haste.

So where do the Contras go from here? That $100 million is not going to last long, especially if they really do intend to stand and fight the Sandinista army (something which their most loyal US advisers consider would be courting disaster).

Their leaders are wise enough to understand that when the dust finally settles on the Iranian fiasco, their cause may well have been damaged beyond repair. The implications of that range far beyond official Washington, raising questions of deep concern to all Nicaragua's neighbours.

In Honduras, the Contras' main stronghold, they have some 15,000 men under arms, considerably more (and considerably better equipped) than their hosts. To the unconcealed alarm of the Honduran authorities, these forces have already established their own no-go zone — "Nueve Nicaragua" to the locals — in the coffee growing border region, attracting increasingly heavy Sandinista attacks on an area of major importance to the Honduran economy.

Earlier this year, a CIA official intimately involved with the rebels in Honduras admitted that the possibility of their taking root there permanently, defying the government to move them, was "a nightmare for all of us." But what happens if the beleaguered Reagan administration decides to give up the Contras as part of its damage limitation exercise? What do you do with so many trained fighters, men without a country who will undoubtedly harbour a burning sense of having been abandoned by Uncle Sam?

The Contra ranks contain decent and disciplined volunteers who genuinely believe that the Sandinistas have grossly betrayed the popular revolution against the Somoza dictatorship. But the rebels' record of behaviour inside Nicaragua, even allowing for Sandinista propaganda, includes evidence of rape, torture, assassination of doctors, teachers and local officials and random attacks on civilian transport. Similar allegations of brutality and extortion are now surfacing inside the Contra enclaves in Honduras. They would not be welcome elsewhere.

If the US does eventually decide to drop the Contras and contrives to resettle them in peaceful obscurity here and there, how will the Reagan administration pursue its offensive against the Sandinista regime? Hitherto the Contra supporters in Washington have been split. In the White House there was the belief that the rebels might one day actually overthrow the ruling *comandantes*, resulting in an acceptably pro-western government. Other US officials involved with the programme saw the Contras as an extremely useful (and inexpensive) lever with which to exert the combination of military, economic and diplomatic pressure that would finally force the Sandinistas to mend their Marxist ways.

This second approach had the advantage of underlining the Reagan administration's repeated public disavowal of deeper US involvement in Nicaragua. But one western ambassador in Honduras observes, "if you take the Contras out of the equation, all that's left are the various airfields the Americans have been breaking their necks to build here. You don't have to be a Sandinista supporter to wonder what happens to all those runways pointing at Nicaragua." He wondered if the US would now attempt to involve Honduras's own armed forces more directly in the struggle with its powerful neighbours.

Others wonder if there is still a possibility of direct intervention by the US. Back in March, President Reagan told *Time* magazine that despite his firm intention to keep American troops out of the conflict, "there might come a day when Sandinista acts would be directly against us . . . It would then be a case of protecting ourselves." Well before the Iran arms scandal erupted, there were experienced western diplomats in Central America who found themselves sharing the Sandinistas' concern that the President's apparent determination to excise the "cancer" in Nicaragua could produce some drastic action by the US before his term expires at the end of 1987.

None of this speculation will interest Contra leaders as they grapple with the depressing implications of the drama now unfolding in Washington. When it came to US aid, critics always accused them of being much more interested in padding their own bank accounts than in fighting. Fitting, perhaps, that the first official comment from rebel headquarters on this extraordinary affair should have been a complaint that for all the millions of dollars involved, they had only received "a trickle of the money."

The intelligent way to control MI5

Nothing could have more powerfully rekindled our national fascination with the world of spies and spy-catching than the blockbuster now into its second week in the New South Wales Supreme Court.

Not surprisingly, opposition politicians — some giving the impression that they are ready to disregard or are even unaware of the requirements of national security — gleefully seize on the government's discomfiture. The clamour grows for a much greater degree of parliamentary control over the security services. Inevitably, these demands are led by the opposition parties but voices are also being heard on the Conservative benches suggesting that the services would be better managed if they were subject to much closer scrutiny by Parliament, or at least by an all-party group of senior parliamentarians.

Control of intelligence services is a difficult issue for all democracies, but it seems to give us particular problems. Even allowing for the current ructions in Washington, Americans generally approach it with a breathtaking openness. Public and political opinion in other European countries manages a cynical acceptance of it as a routine feature of international relations. In Britain there has long been pressure from politicians out of office for a degree of supervision of — and often a reduction in — the activities of the security services. But, once in office, they have always taken a different view.

Soon after he became prime minister in 1945 Clement Attlee launched a review of the intelligence services but was persuaded of the need for MI5 and MI6 as then constituted. The question then to be decided was how to exert adequate political control without seriously impairing their operational efficiency. The nature of the work of the security services means that their relationship to ministers and accessibility to parliamentary scrutiny must be fundamentally different from, that say, of the DHSS, the Home Office or even the Ministry of Defence. A certain distance is essential; ministers and services alike would be inhibited by detailed control.

A careful compromise was worked out and emerged as the Maxwell Fyfe directive, issued by the then Home Secretary to the Director-General of the Security Service in 1952. The essence of the mechanisms then established that "Ministers do not concern themselves with the detailed information which may be obtained by the Security Service in particular cases, but are furnished with such information only as may be necessary for the determination of any issue on which guidance is sought."

The Maxwell Fyfe rules have survived to this day because the essentials of what made sense in 1952 have remained sensible.

No one could deny that Britain's intelligence services have had serious troubles since the war — but would things have been better under a system of all-party monitoring? Most of the moles discovered years ago have long since gone to their maker, to Moscow or to Home Counties retirement — yet their names are replayed again and again as part of an unremitting attack on our security arrangements. It is a well-established intelligence technique to cause problems for a rival service by keeping alive stories about penetration and moles in high places and one in which the KGB must certainly be well practised. MI5 too must suffer from the paradox that the more moles they catch, the more their service comes under fire.

The security service failures which have occurred are an argument for better management and better recruitment rather than closer parliamentary scrutiny. One immediate and highly damaging effect of a move in the latter direction would be that the intelligence agencies of other countries would become deeply reluctant to co-operate with their British counterparts. Yet, particularly in these days of international terrorism, co-operation between security agencies has never been more important.

Last year Mrs Thatcher demonstrated the need to improve the management of MI5 when she persuaded Sir Antony Duff to become Director-General. Duff is admirably equipped for the job but is already well past retiring age and I believe more changes are needed. The Cabinet Secretary, Sir Robert Armstrong, for whose current ordeal in Sydney I have the greatest sympathy, is unlikely to provide support in this. He is possessed of ruthless urbanity in large measure but his lack of the sort of political feel that is needed was all too painfully demonstrated by his handling of the GCHQ affair and the top salaries increases in 1985.

The best way forward would probably be to adopt the proposal of my parliamentary colleague, Sir Anthony Kershaw, who has suggested that the Director-General of MI5 should be assisted by a permanent watchdog committee, probably similar to that which already exists within the Foreign Office. Such an arrangement would not satisfy opposition appetites or parliamentary egos but it might well give us a better security service.

Ray Whitney

The author is Conservative MP for Wycombe.

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Ronald Butt

Labour imposes a new taboo

Dr John Cunningham is usually seen as representing a considerable part of whatever future credibility the Labour Party may have. He is not a soft leftist turned moderate because that offers the only hope of electoral victory. Nor is he one of the old moderates who, to survive, have destroyed their credibility by suppressing their known dislike of leftist policies. Bred in Labour machine politics, he has been able to avoid any really staining compromises so far. He is even sensible about nuclear power, having the nuclear reprocessing workers of Sellafield in his constituency.

But this week he has replied to Tory ministers' attacks on Labour's intolerant hard left local authorities by making a deeply irresponsible and socially dangerous statement. Echoing Neil Kinnock's condemnation of "zealotry" as damaging to Labour's interest, and praising the majority of Labour local authorities, Cunningham added: "The smears of the last few days are contemptible, and not least because they contain an incipient racism, which is despicable."

How racism can be "incipient" rather than real or illusory must baffle anyone living in the real world, but afterwards Cunningham explained to the *Guardian*. He had meant that when Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, attacked hard left councils he had identified those with black leaders and especially large black populations. So now we know. Every other taboo may fall, but one overwhelming imperative takes their place. "Thou shalt not attack the politics of intolerance if anyone who is black is involved." However extremist a borough authority, its misdeeds must not be mentioned if there is a black leader (which there is in only three of the six or seven boroughs named by Ridley) or a large black population.

That seems to cover misdeeds which have nothing to do with race or racism. Thus, criticizing the performance of Lambeth's social services, Ridley cited some items from a recent full Lambeth council meeting, "Petition against the attendance of male councillors at meetings of Women's Rights Committee", "Address by Sinn Fein Councillors," and "Lesbians and Policing." Not unreasonably he added: "No wonder the services in Lambeth are in a mess." He rightly spoke too of people's reluctance to speak out for fear of what might happen to their families, though he did not mention Lambeth's 20 Hetero-sexism Awareness Training Courses (cost: £12,000) for rooting out the "oppression" of assuming that heterosexuality is the norm.

None of these has anything to do with racism. Yet because Lambeth has a black leader, Ms Linda Bellos (who also happens to be a militant feminist, lesbian and a hard leftist), they are now unmentionable. One of Bellos's gems (not referred to by Ridley) was: "The people of Brixton only want peace. But I think the police are bent on war". Lord Scarman, impeccably liberal on matters concerned with race, has said (concerning Lambeth's boycott of the Community Police Consultative Committee): "It is a tragedy that extreme political views have prevailed in Lambeth Town Hall, views which are now supported, to some extent, by one of the major political parties in this country." What does that make Lord Scarman?

Much the same applies to Brent, which Ridley also mentioned, and whose offences are not restricted to its "anti-racist" persecutions. And what of Haringey? Ridley spoke of the "homosexual propaganda" being fed to schoolchildren and the way that parents' protests are brushed aside. Cunningham is in a bit of a dilemma here since a great deal of the protest was from Asian parents who regard this teaching as flouting their religious ethic.

During Ridley's speech, Jack Straw asked from the Labour front bench why, if the authorities were that bad, they had been re-elected with increased majorities by black and white electors alike. Ridley's reply that some were elected by only 20 per cent is no answer. Why indeed do people return a party which so blatantly misrepresents them?

The gap between Labour's humourless intellectual fanatics, including some so-called moderates, and ordinary people is vast. In the midst of incontinent verbiage of a pseudo-psychological kind in the debate on Aids last week, Leo Abse, observing that it was a "lamentable" fact that 40 per cent of people left school with no O levels, said they should be spoken to in "street language", which he went on to exemplify with relish by using probably the filthiest language ever heard in the Commons.

But while this may be the language of the barrack room or the factory floor, where it is depersonalized and usually unrelated to the realities of sex, it is not the language that any decent working-class man or woman uses or wishes to have used to their families. Abse, a master of the living cliché, wants to explode the Tunbridge Wells taboos. But these taboos, rooted in elementary good sense and hygiene, are no less and perhaps more real to decent working-class people.

So why *do* so many people vote for a party which, in its humourless intolerance and bogus intellectualism, so ill represents them, a party, moreover, which offers them only dependency? The answer is simple. They vote for a brand name once associated with the defence of their collective interest in hard times when they felt exploited by those with power and money. We shall not have a healthy political society until the attachment to that brand name is broken, and working-class people are convinced that other parties will better defend their material interests and their freedom.

Paul Pickering

Wising up to Christmas

My inclination to dive for cover during Christmas party season was clearly shared by a girl at the first 1986 office thrash I attended the other evening. She was wearing a complete nuclear, biological and chemical warfare protective uniform. "My boy friend's at Sandhurst, it was his idea," she giggled breathlessly, tearing off the gas mask. "Better safe than sorry."

Soon after she passed out from heat exhaustion on a sofa. As a precaution it seemed a little excessive, but then all this Love, Peace on Earth and Goodwill can seriously damage your health and happiness.

Love, if we are to believe the scare statistics, will take more than its usual toll this year. That does not necessarily mean that the much-publicized grim reaper lurks behind the slinky black dress of pretty Mrs Spangle from Accounts or the sharp Hepworth suit of Mr Thrope from Marketing. But they have good grounds to fear their customary Yuletide tryst behind the filing cabinets.

So instead of going straight into their third-Liebfraumilch clinch, and their separate ways when the MD calls time, they are more likely to start agonizing about their respective states of health. An hour or two of such intimate earnestness can only have one consequence: come June two broken homes in the suburbs, Mrs Spangle becomes Mrs Thrope and chaos reigns in Accounts.

While Love can end in the divorce court, Goodwill usually leads to the casualty ward. The scenario is grimly familiar. Mr Thrimble with the nervous twitch from Soft Toys has been passed over for promotion by bright Yuppie Mr G Khan. After a few drinks the more Mr Thrimble tries to exude a spirit of benign fellowship towards Mr G Khan the more he wants to murder him. Finally they crash in a hail of fists through a partition wall where the post room boys are sniffing typewriter correction fluid. Goodwill then causes the luckless inebriate who decides to chauffeur them to hospital to lose his driving licence.

But for a really seething atmosphere of hatred and distrust you have to await the arrival of Santa Claus. One thing is certain about a man who dresses up in a white woolly beard and cheery red costume — he is deeply sick and twisted. At hospital parties Santa is always the surgeon with the highest on-table kill rate. Venal politicians, power-mad industrialists and psychopathic colonels love disguising themselves as the jolly old soul when they are the very last people you would let down your chimney or into a child's bedroom.

Publishing parties are usually packed with vicious Santas; all with East European accents and questionable pasts, doing their best to ensure that Peace on Earth will not ensue.

Nor will Peace on Earth be reflected in this year's decorative paraphernalia. Thanks to Chernobyl, East German mistletoe will probably glow in the dark and a bottle of Finnish cranberry sauce could provide sufficient illumination to go carol singing by. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer is so radioactively contaminated that, besides pulling Santa's sledge, experts at Sellafield believe he could provide the electricity needs of a small town; as long as no one lives there.

Perhaps they have the right idea in Liverpool and certain London boroughs, such as Brent and Hackney where the office end-of-term romp is being suppressed as racist and imperialist by gangs of anti-Santas, or Santanistas. "Basically what is really disgusting is the displaying of Odinist fascist symbols such as Christmas trees and Yule logs," said War Against Xmas spokesperson Gloria Carrion. "We want the so-called parties ended now and the money sent to Nicaragua via Iraq and the North Pole."

Quite apart from the danger of lightning Santanista raids there is the cheap plonk laced with antifreeze and the deadly smoked eel and sausages from the poisoned upper Rhine, not to mention the loud and lethal bore who knows the connection between the Westland affair, MI5, the photogenic wife of a former Cabinet minister and a kinky leathergoods manufacturer in Petticoat Lane.

All in all, the safety and tranquility of an army standard issue nuclear, biological and chemical warfare protective suit could be a sound investment.

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A NEW TEAM NEEDED

The prospect now facing the world is of three years of indecision in American foreign policy — two years of paralysis under President Reagan and one year of learning the ropes under his successor. Already weak, Mr Reagan's presidency could be reduced to an almost catatonic state by the Poindexter-North debacle. The combination of financial irregularity, secrecy, illegality and *Boys Own* adventurism looks likely to keep Congressional committees and the networks happily engaged in raking over the scandal for many months to come. The normal business of government will be hindered as leading officials are forced perpetually to deal defensively with new charges. Experienced middle-rank officials will now be looking for lucrative law positions outside the Administration and able potential replacements will avoid the becalmed ship. In such circumstances it is all but impossible to muster the support needed to launch major new policies and difficult enough to maintain contentious policies that are already in place.

The accusation that money was channelled to the Contras against Congressional wishes has doomed any future moves to aid them. The Contras have thus been assured that they face death and imprisonment with no prospect of ultimate victory. Most will drift quietly away and those who remain will decline to the status of regional bandits.

That will not greatly distress most European governments which regard United States support for the Contras as futile and even wicked. Yet, whatever its faults, the policy was designed to deal with the real problem of a highly-militarised Sandinista regime which was promoting guerrilla insurgencies in neighbouring states. Now that the US attempt to obstruct such insurgencies by destabilising Nicaragua is almost certain to be abandoned, Honduras, El Salvador, Costa Rica and even Guatemala may soon feel the combined heat of subversion and pressure from Managua.

At first glance, superpower relations will be less directly affected by the week's events. But Mr Reagan's bargaining clout in the Reykjavik summit and elsewhere was markedly increased by his domestic popularity and evident sway over Congress. The Soviet Union had a particular interest in reaching an arms control agreement with a popular right-wing President since that would minimise domestic American opposition to it. But Mr Reagan's popularity and political sway are now both much reduced.

In that lie two opposite risks. Since Mr Reagan has less to offer, Mr Gorbachov may now decide it will do no harm to wait out the President's remaining term. That would dictate sticking firmly to the condition that the "Star Wars" strategic defence initiative be abandoned as part of any arms deal. Stalemate would then result — which would have the added attraction for the Russians that Congress might respond by cutting appropriations for SDI over the President's objections.

Even such a stalemate, however, is preferable to a flawed agreement. Here the risk is that Mr Reagan, desperate for a political success in these conditions of policy paralysis, might offer major concessions to obtain an arms agreement along the dangerously utopian lines of Reykjavik. Dangerous in itself, such an agreement would also split Europe from America

This pessimistic outlook is not, of course, certain. One of the assumptions underlying it is that President Reagan has suffered a large and permanent fall in popular esteem. If that should prove false, Congress, the media and rebellious bureaucrats would have to mute their opposition to his policies. It is difficult to see Contra aid surviving even then, but he might be able to patch up a new Middle East initiative or muster support for a judicious arms control offer. He will not improve matters by the remedies, fashionable though they are, of vesting all conduct of foreign policy in the State Department or of extending congressional control over the National Security Council. Ultimate control of foreign policy under the American Constitution rests with the President who will always end up relying upon trusted advisors close to hand rather than upon a remote bureaucracy responsible to another major politician with, perhaps, an agenda of his own.

It is not measures but men whom President Reagan should now change, since it was the bad judgement of his advisors, not the bureaucratic structures they inhabit, which brought on the crisis. A thorough house-cleaning is in order.

MR GORBACHOV AND MR GANDHI

The Indian government took two precautions in advance of the Soviet leader's visit to Delhi this week. It detained prominent Afghan exiles living in India (though failing to prevent a large protest demonstration yesterday) and ensured a rapturous popular reception for Mr Gorbachov by busing crowds into the capital to greet him.

The precautions reflected in their way the present state of Indian-Soviet relations: a delicate alignment of security interests dictated by geography in which complications are swept under the carpet, and a long-standing popular affinity in need of a little encouragement. The Soviet leader arrives in India intent, no doubt, on refreshing the alignment and capitalizing on the affinity. He may find that things are not exactly as they seem.

In the two years that he has been in power, Mr Gandhi has veered away from the political legacy of his mother. He has looked to private enterprise rather than public ownership to solve India's economic problems. He has made efforts to reduce the corruption endemic in Indian society and to tackle ethnic conflicts. He has sought a less antagonistic relationship with the West and adopted his own style of leadership in the Third World. It is doubtful whether the two leaders will be able to recapture the spirit that prevailed in Indira Gandhi's time. Over the longer term, their two countries appear to be headed in different directions.

For this week, however, the differences, present and potential, will be relegated to second place. Mr Gandhi can be flattered, as he was probably intended to be, that the Soviet leader chose to visit India before any other Asian country, including closer allies like Vietnam. The visit satisfies the same aspiration for international recognition that has spurred India's prominence in the Non-Aligned Movement.

The two leaders share some common problems. They have both expressed their determination to galvanize a huge country into action after long years of stagnation and corruption. The large population of the one and the sparse population of the other may, in economic and commercial terms, prove complementary.

Beyond their borders they have common enemies and security interests. They both feel threatened by Pakistan. They are both sceptical about the intentions of China. More immediately, they both have an interest in seeing a political settlement in Afghanistan.

Ever since he came to power, Mr Gorbachov has tried to limit the damage inflicted on his country's reputation by the continued presence of Soviet troops in Afghanistan. He has engineered the (relatively graceful) replacement of Afghanistan's former leader, Babrak Karmal. He has implemented a partial and largely cosmetic troop withdrawal, and he has started to mend fences with the Islamic world.

On the eve of his visit to India he said that a political settlement was possible and insisted that neither Moscow nor the Afghan people wanted a permanent Soviet presence in the country. Such an attitude will be welcome to India, which was placed in an awkward position by the Soviet Union's military involvement in the region. The presence of virulently anti-Soviet Afghan exiles in India was just one byproduct of the invasion, but one which has complicated bilateral relations.

Now Mr Gandhi will have to decide whether Moscow's tentative, and perhaps temporary change of attitude on Afghanistan is enough for him to grant what Mr Gorbachov must surely be asking for this week: Indian support for a Soviet-sponsored Asian security system. This grandiose scheme is an attempt to draw non-aligned countries in Asia into a loose alliance designed to counter the influence of Japan, South Korea and the United States in the Far East.

While essentially a revival of an idea current in Brezhnev's time, it is an integral part of the new-style Soviet foreign policy. Indian involvement in such a scheme would do much to give it credibility elsewhere in Asia. Mr Gandhi would do well to consider the long-term consequences of such a plan before putting his name to it. So long as Soviet troops remain in Afghanistan, Mr Gorbachov's talk of Asian security can only ring hollow.

THE SILENT SURGEONS

On Tuesday Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons held a meeting of their council. This was the first opportunity for them to raise the extraordinary case last week in which Mr Felix Weale, FRCS, was found guilty of serious professional misconduct by the Professional Conduct Committee of the General Medical Council.

Mr Weale, it will be recalled, was revealed to have refused to go to his hospital to operate on an emergency patient who, on his own instructions, had been prepared for operation by his surgical registrar and was on the operating table already anaesthetized. Mr Weale's reason was that between the time of his instruction to his registrar and the readiness of the patient for the operation, his on-call shift had finished.

There were a number of disturbing aspects to the case. The fact that the events took place on Christmas Eve in 1983 was less than reassuring about the speed with which such events are dealt with by the medical authorities. The tales of dangerous mistrust between professional colleagues would have been more alarming still, were it not for the fact that without this rare breakdown in the medical club rules we would have been unlikely to hear about the offence at all.

Most of all, however, it was the punishment which seemed inadequate. Mr Weale was "admonished" and he is continuing his normal work. The reasoning of the Committee may well have been that the next step up in punishment would have been to strike Mr Weale off the medical register for a period. They were presumably of a view that the sin did not justify this response, especially as the matter was being considered so long after the event took place.

But if the General Medical Council cannot tune its responses more precisely or, indeed, react on a more realistic timescale is it not time that the Royal College of Surgeons and the other colleges and faculties of the medical profession started to exert some greater self-regulatory influence? These colleges and faculties rightly regard themselves as guardians of standards of practice. They fulfil this role for the training and teaching of their junior doctors in an honourable fashion.

Now they should turn their powers to establishing some fast and flexible mechanisms to influence the behaviour of that minority of consultants and academics who fail to fulfil their commitments. They should look not only to those who break the letter of their contracts but also to those who breach the spirit of common humanity that justifies the privileged place in society that the public accords to these senior hospital doctors. So far the Royal College of Surgeons, of which Mr Weale is a fellow, has not considered the case at all.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nowhere to go for mentally ill

From the Chairman of the Society of Clinical Psychiatrists

Sir, Dr Malcolm Weller's letter (November 22) highlights a man-made and expanding tragedy that is occurring in front of the eyes of relatives and involved doctors in this country.

Under a sacred banner proclaiming that all insane people can be treated in the relative isolation of their own homes, hospital care facilities for them are being ruthlessly swept away. All the appalling consequences of this are minimised, or cannot achieve public attention.

Acute schizophrenic and depressive illnesses cannot be got better overnight. Humanity and the relatives of patients cry out for an often brief spell of in-patient care, which usually gets them better.

When sufferers' opposition to help is coming from those made violent by delusions of persecution that have already led to violence to innocent people they think are poisoning them, the mentally disordered persons' wishes should not be paramount. Some of these untreated deluded people are capable of the severest violence.

Treatable depressive psychotics can likewise be salvaged to bless the people who overrode their destructive wishes at a time of despairing madness.

Many of the more resistantly ill patients are not always done a kindness to by being cast out of an understanding environment, with friendly faces and an occupied day, for one of meaningless drifting in an uncaring void.

We should have been warned by the disasters in the USA and Italy, where similar policies were pursued. In Italy these poor souls at railway stations were called the *abandonatti*. *Laissez-faire* is not a kindness for schizophrenics who refuse medication. It is a downhill path to the gutter for not a few.

Psychiatrists want to see their patients in the community, but at a time and in a condition where it is humane and reasonable. The current scrapping of the acute beds in many parts of the country is a scandal whose results are not being added up in terms of increasing suicides, violence and avoidable general trauma to many caring relatives and sufferers.

Yours faithfully,
HARRY JACOBS (Chairman, Society of Clinical Psychiatrists),
Severalls Hospital,
Colchester, Essex.

Alcohol records

From Dr John Penman

Sir, The medical students of the 1940s, of whom I was one, were taught at the very beginning of their clinical training that in every case they should inquire into the patient's smoking and drinking habits; and nothing which they were taught seemed to them more obvious common sense than this.

Now you report (November 12): "Family doctors ... are today urged to find out and record how much alcohol is being drunk by their patients" — as if that were a brilliant new idea, and as if it were exceptional to record one's findings.

In the 1940s it also went without saying that when dealing with a new patient one examined completely every system of the body, since otherwise there could be no hope of accurate diagnosis and in the 1960s, to my direct knowledge, good family doctors still did so. (This is very far from saying that patients should be fully examined at every interview).

Now you report: "It [the Royal College of General Practitioners] believes that most people who drink heavily ... deserve a full physical examination" — as if that were a last resort.

One sometimes hears that multiple special investigations have replaced history taking and clinical examination. Reports such as this, allegedly emanating from an official body, make one fear it may be true.

Yours faithfuly,
JOHN PENMAN,
Forest View,
Upper Chute,
Andover, Hampshire.

Ending apartheid

From the Executive Secretary of Christian Concern for Southern Africa

Sir, You assert (leading article, November 18) that through economic growth and increasing business activity in South Africa foreign companies "undermine the barriers of occupational apartheid" and "act as subtle underminers of apartheid". You further suggest that educational help from major companies can "outflank the institutions of apartheid". Thus, you hope, society there will evolve in a more liberal direction.

The best that you can hope for is that such policies will ameliorate South Africa's problems. To this end diplomatic and financial backing should be given to British firms.

Is it not important first of all to be clear on what we mean by apartheid? Your view seems to be that it is personal and social discrimination. It is not just that. It is, first, denial of basic human rights and exclusion from the democratic political process.

There is no historical evidence that growth in economic activity weakens the institution of apartheid as properly understood. Is it not optimistic in the extreme to imagine that extra funds for a few schools and greater opportunity at the workbench are going to undermine apartheid?

The recent meeting of the business community and Mr P. W. Botha showed clearly that they are co-operating closely on the way forward. That is not the real consultation which is required.

It will need much more than this to bring to an end the political system of apartheid. Violent disorder over a long period is a real possibility and it will probably bring increasing chaos in most of southern Africa. That can only be prevented, if at all, by honest negotiations between leaders of all communities, with encouragement from outside. Mr P. W. Botha resists this.

Economic and financial pressure is about the only means left to achieve that objective. The weight of opinion in support of this policy is overwhelming in specialist institutions, apart from within the business community with its strong vested interests. More objective judgements are required.

Yours truly,
R. ELLIOTT KENDALL,
Executive Secretary,
Christian Concern for Southern Africa,
2 Eaton Gate, SW1.

Tory students

From Mr Douglas Smith

Sir, The Federation of Conservative Students has never advocated "decriminalized incest, legalized heroin, privatizing the Royal Family" or any other quasi-anarchist policy as alleged by Toby Young (feature, November 14).

In the past individual members (some not even office bearers) have aired eccentric views which have been seized upon by a grateful Press eager to create headlines. Thus, in the case of incest, the chairman of the federation's Scottish branch, who had written a legal thesis on the position of partners related by blood, advocated the decriminalization of such relationships between consenting adults.

He was subsequently disowned by FCS both regionally and nationally, yet the myth continues to be perpetuated that FCS favours the legalization of incest, with all the emotive connotations that this entails.

There is no denying the foolish statements and actions of certain FCS members. Nor can the embarrassment of the "Stockton war crimes" episode (involving one individual) be ignored, but I feel certain that individual resignations could have been demanded (and obtained) before it became necessary to close what remains the largest and most vibrant political youth movement in Britain.

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS SMITH,
(Vice-Chairman, FCS, 1985),
10 Sunbury Lane, SW11.

Records on tape

From Mr Iain C. Baillie

Sir, The cries of outrage about home taping exemplified by the President of the Performing Right Society (November 15) confuse several issues and ignore an important one. The simple playing of music in the home has never been and never will be copyright infringement.

The music industry has benefited enormously from the technology of sound recording and reproduction. How much would the composers receive as income if we were still in the era of only live performances? It is, however, implicit in the technology as developed over the last few years that there can be transcription within one reproduction unit from one medium to another.

Copyright law is intended to deal with the problem of reproduction and distribution, although unfortunately the significance of this latter aspect has never been fully explored. It is only now that the right of a purchaser of a work embodying copyright to its reasonable utilisation has been fully explored.

The House of Lords has looked at the situation in the case of spare parts in the British Leyland decision and has expressed a right of use. Bernard Levin (November 10), by emphasising the right of the private user, has evinced a better understanding of the real problem than those who have denounced him.

Yours faithfully,
IAIN C. BAILLIE,
20 Chester Street, SW1.
November 17.

The Queen's victim

From Mr J. S. Deane

Sir, I was in command of s.s. Liemba, ex Gotzen, towards the end of 1961 and must therefore have only narrowly missed the pleasure of meeting your correspondent, Mr Nicolas Bellord (November 20).

At second-hand from Tanzania I understand that the ship operated until 1970, when engine defects caused her lay up, until the fitting of diesel units enabled her to resume operations in 1979, trading from Kigoma to Zambia and Burundi.

In my day the chief engineer was a Scot — Mr George Lochead; the first officer a Tanganyikan — Mr Mauludi, and the steward was from Goa. She was a happy ship with a firm place in my family memories, since my daughter was christened into the Church of Australia from the forecastle bell, upended to serve as a font.

Yours faithfully,
J. S. DEANE,
5 Lambourne Road,
Sunderland, Tyne and Wear.

Chance to offer Scots a chance

From Mrs Jillian Luff

Sir, Surely the Scottish Office are being shortsighted in their opposition to the proposed skiing development on Aonach Mhor (report, November 19, Scottish edition). This development will bring benefit to the country as a whole and not just to skiers.

I believe our country suffers from over-urbanization and therefore increasing the ease of access to a small part of our beautiful, exciting, empty mountains is good news for all.

More important is the aspect of jobs. I am positive that the likely number of jobs which would result throughout the employment spectrum — in hotels and bed and breakfast, in restaurants, in retailing, in transport, in information and public services — would be far in excess of the 60 to 80 mentioned.

The cost to the country of not creating these jobs is high: more dole money or more families being forced to move to the already madly over-populated, expensive South, where they may add to the social problems which we constantly witness as a result of our overcrowded cities.

As a Scot who has had to move south, I know that for the employed the quality of life (especially for families with youngsters) in an area such as Fort William is infinitely preferable. Let's aim at maintaining employment opportunities throughout our country and not just in the South-east!

Yours faithfully,
JILLIAN B. LUFF,
Westcroft,
Northchurch Common,
Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.
November 20.

Sports restriction

From Mr Norman R. Mortimer

Sir, Having read the Coe report, produced by the Sports Council, copies of which have only recently come to hand, I must protest against Mr Rifkind's decision to close the Scottish School of Physical Education.

The Confederation of British Industry, in evidence to the above review, stated that it would certainly be very concerned if resources were not available for Britain to participate effectively and credibly in international sports events.

Every male teacher of physical education trained in Scotland has attended the Scottish school and to close such an institution is akin to giving over the playing fields of Eton to property development.

To remove the *only* specialist college of physical education in the west of Scotland only reflects the rest of the world's low opinion of Britain as a modern force in world sport.

Yours etc,
NORMAN R. MORTIMER,
(Director of Schools and Youth Development, British Handball Association),
5 May Terrace,
Mount Florida,
Glasgow.
November 25.

Neglected exam?

From the Headmaster of Liskeard School

Sir, In response to the letter from the Headmaster of The King's School, Gloucester (November 14), there are two other disadvantages to the new AS-level examinations, in addition to the lukewarm or even chilly reception from the universities.

First, although AS levels may broaden a student's education, they are very likely to narrow his or her choices. At present a good A-level student will embark on three or four A-level courses and choose one of them as a subject to study when applying to university.

If AS levels are widely accepted then only two subjects are likely to be taken to a level which makes them acceptable as a starting point for a university course. In the example Mr Charters gives, it would prevent the potential engineer switching from engineering to chemistry even in his or her upper sixth year.

Secondly, in a rural comprehensive school such as ours, at a time of falling rolls and reducing staff, we can only introduce AS levels where they can be taught in A-level classes, since to introduce new classes for very small numbers is beyond our resources without sacrificing smaller classes amongst the younger children.

Yours faithfully,
A. D. WOOD, Headmaster,
Liskeard School,
Luxstowe,
Liskeard, Cornwall.

Where the truth lies

From Mr E. P. Wilson

Sir, Sir Robert Armstrong's phrase in Sydney, "being economical with the truth", is already being spoken of as a candidate for inclusion in future anthologies of quotations. Credit (if that is the right word) for the notion should at least be shared with the British statesman, W. E. Forster.

Recording his impressions of a conversation in 1877 with the Russian diplomat, Count Nicholas Ignatiev, Forster was suspicious that Ignatiev's frankness was far from genuine, and was driven, more reluctantly than Sir Robert one imagines, to reflect: "What *is* the use of lying, when truth, well distributed, serves the same purpose?" (T. Wemyss Reid, *Life*, ii. (1888), p167).

Yours faithfully,
E. P. WILSON,
Worcester College,
Oxford.

ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 27 1812

The retreat of Napoleon's army from Moscow had begun in mid-October, but in the absence of any regular information from that front this article proved to be a well judged appreciation of what had in fact already begun to happen. The destruction of the Grande Armée was complete by December 20. Napoleon left the army on December 9, travelling direct to Paris on a journey that lasted 312 hours; Murat, who was left in command, reached Königsberg ten days later with the remaining 1,000 of the Old Guard, including dismounted cavalry.

LONDON
Friday, November 27, 1812.

At length, our curiosity to learn the fate of the French Grand Army has received some slight gratification. A Gentleman, who has reached town from Morlaix, informs us that he there perused the 26th and 27th Bulletins, which are dated on the route towards Poland, passing in a direction somewhat to the southward of Smolensko.

The 27th Bulletin related a number of attacks made by the Russians on the French rear-guard, down to the 27th ult., all of which it is said were easily repulsed by Davoust and Eugene Beauharnois, who covered the main army in a masterly manner. Great part of this Bulletin is taken up with descanting on Buonaparte's humanity! Some of his soldiers, it seems, requested permission to burn all the towns and villages through which they retreated. This infernal proposal is not noticed as at all unreasonable in itself: but its rejection is meant at once to characterise Buonaparte as a model of magnanimity; although it is perfectly obvious that the fear of speedy vengeance must have constituted a very sufficient motive for his forbearance. It was farther stated that Mortier had blown up the Kremlin, and joined the main army, which after the *chastisement* (so it is expressed) which it had given the Russians, on the 27th, had been no further disturbed by them, but proceeded, in the best condition, towards its ultimate destination. No very accurate account, however, is given of what had been done with the sick and wounded, whom the 25th Bulletin stated to have been removed to Mojaisk and Smolensko, which are out of the present line of march. We have every reason to believe that though the Bulletins in question have not reached this country, the above will be found to exhibit a tolerably faithful outline of their contents. It is easy to gather from them, that the French army has abandoned all idea of establishing itself, for the winter, in any part of Russia; and is in full retreat out of the bounds of that empire. We are ready to believe that whatever can be done by military science, in conducting the retreat, has been effected by the united efforts of the French Generals, who altogether constitute a greater body of talent and experience, than any other army in the world can boast; but we look, in this instance, beyond the skill of the General, — we look to the physical powers of the soldier, — we picture to ourselves a Provençal, or a Tuscan, or a Neapolitan struggling, from day to day, with the snow and the frost, toiling through the marshes and fording the half-frozen torrents, which, as he advances, swell gradually into impassable rivers: we see his hopes failing, his strength exhausted, his constitution broken. Little boots it, that he may repulse the enemy in the daytime, if he meet a more fatal enemy in the chilling damps and agues of the night. To sufferings such as these, independently of all the slaughter occasioned by their pursuers, it is hardly to be doubted, but that one half of the soldiers who left Moscow must fall sacrifice before they can reach a secure asylum. Not less than three hundred thousand men, on both sides, will have fallen; and between five and six months of scientific arrangement and sanguinary contest will have been employed, only to close, on the Vistula, those operations which began at a more advanced point on the Pregel. On the 20th of June the first Bulletin was issued, from Gumbinnen. The Orders, addressed, at the same time, to the army proudly announced that the war should be carried into the Russian territories, — that the destinies of Russia were about to be accomplished, — and that she was for ever to be excluded from any influence in the affairs of Europe. If Buonaparte shall have to date a future Bulletin from Warsaw, he must select other topics. The French nation itself will reflect that there is neither wisdom nor justice in waging so deadly a war against Russia, only to prevent her from exercising a free right of trading, as she thinks fit. We do not mean to intimate that any sensible decay of Buonaparte's popularity is yet visible in France. On the contrary, we learn, that notwithstanding the late short-lived conspiracy, very little open disaffection to his person or government is any where exhibited.

Bitter-sweet memory

From Mr John Greene

Sir, In 1980 I inherited an oak chest. Whilst treating it for woodworm I found secreted behind a false panel a half pound of Typhoo tea ("Authorised price 11d"), my grandmother's final war-time supply in the event that the worst happened.

Its condition may not be as good as Mrs Weston-Davies's Angosturas (November 21), but as a comestible from imperial India it is at least older.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN GREENE,
3 Richmond Place,
Bath, Avon.
November 21.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 26: His Excellency Senhor Bubacar Turè was received in audience by The Queen and presented his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Guinea-Bissau to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following member of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Senhor Oscar Batica Ferreira (First Secretary).

Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty was present, and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Queen, Air Commodore-in-Chief, Royal Observer Corps, received Air Commodore J Broughton upon relinquishing his appointment as Commandant of the Corps and Air Commodore I Horrocks upon assuming the appointment.

The Lord Skelmersdale and the Lord Brabazon of Tara had the honour of being received by The Queen upon relinquishing their appointments as Lords in Waiting to Her Majesty.

The Lord Hesketh, the Lord Beaverbrook and the Earl of Dundee had the honour of being received by The Queen upon the appointments as Lords in Waiting to Her Majesty.

The Earl of Haddington had the honour of being received by The Queen and delivered up the Insignia of the Order of the Thistle worn by his late Father.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh held an Evening Reception at Buckingham Palace for the Diplomatic Corps at which The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present.

The String Orchestra of the Scots Guards played selections of music during the evening.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard and a dismounted detachment of the Household Cavalry were on duty.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, this morning presented the 1986 Royal Society of Arts Presidential Awards for Design Management and attended a Conference on the Management of New Ideas at the Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, WC2.

His Royal Highness gave the London Lecture to the Inner London Branches of the British Institute of Management and afterwards attended a luncheon at Hudson's Bay House, Upper Thames Street, EC4.

Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon at Buckingham Palace presented the Young Environmentalist of the Year Awards for the Young People's Trust for Endangered Species.

His Royal Highness, President of the Westminster Abbey Trust, chaired a meeting of the Trustees at Buckingham Palace.

CLARENCE HOUSE

November 26: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Reception given by Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for the Disabled at St James's Palace.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston, Sir Martin Gilliat and Captain Niall Hall were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

November 26: The Prince of Wales, attended by Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Anderson and Surgeon Commander Ian Jenkins, RN, arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight from Cyprus.

YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE

November 26: The Duke of Kent this morning opened the new Crown Court at Guildford and later, as Chancellor, visited the University of Surrey, and attended the Annual Dinner of the University and Guildford Borough Council.

Captain Michael Campbell-Lamerton was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Controller Commandant of the Women's Royal Army Corps, today visited the London District Provost Company RMP at Rochester Row, London SW1.

Her Royal Highness was attended by Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

November 26: Princess Alexandra, to mark the Centenary Year, this morning visited the Royal Samaritan Hospital for Women, Glasgow.

In the afternoon, Her Royal Highness opened St Oswald's Hospice at Gosforth, Tyne and Wear, and afterwards, as Patron of the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals, visited the PDSA Animal Treatment Centre at Blandford Street, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Princess Alexandra, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Peter Afia.

The Prince of Wales will open the sports hall at Mountbatten School, Romsey, Hampshire, on December 1.

The Prince of Wales will open the new Ocean Sound Studios at Segensworth West, Fareham, Hampshire, on December 1.

The Princess of Wales will join the Archbishop of Canterbury and local schoolchildren for a carol service in Canterbury Cathedral on December 1.

Princess Anne, President of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, will attend a council meeting at 35 Belgrave Square on December 3.

The Princess of Wales will open the new headquarters of the Body Shop plc at Hawthorn Road, Wick, Littlehampton, on December 3.

The Princess of Wales will visit the Downland Housing Society Project run by the Sussex Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus at 5 Grand Avenue, Worthing, on December 3.

Birthdays today

Mr John Alderton, 46; Professor J. M. Ashworth, 48; Mr Rowan Bentall, 75; Mr Rodney Bewes, 49; Lord Bridges, 59; the Very Rev Edward Carpenter, 76; Sir Rex Cohen, 80; Mr Leonard Cutts, 82; Mr Robert Dougall, 73; Air Marshal Sir Eric Dunn, 59; Admiral Sir Ian Easton, 69; Lord Howard de Walden, 74; Lieutenant-General Sir Edward Howard-Vyse, 81; Miss Rosaline Kelly, 64; Mr Walter Klien, 58; Viscount Lambert, 77; the Marquess of Lansdowne, 74; Mr F. Leslie Preston, 83; Mr Alan Simpson, 57; Mr Ernie Wise, 61.

Christening

The daughter of Mr Howard and Lady Camilla Hipwood was christened Rosanna Charlotte by the Rev Thomson Gibson at St Michael and All Angels, Badminton, on Sunday, November 23. The godparents are the Hon Julian Fane, Mrs Henry Brockbank and Mrs Peter Marshall (for whom the Hon Mrs Harry Fane stood proxy).

Fulbright Commission

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, was host at a breakfast held yesterday at the Ritz Hotel in honour of Senator J. William Fulbright and the fortieth anniversary of the Fulbright Programme.

Luncheons

HM Government

Mr Alastair Goodlad, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Energy, was host at a luncheon given yesterday by Her Majesty' Government at the Ritz Hotel in honour of the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Dr Hans Blix.

Lord Foot

Mr John Wickerson, President of the Law Society, gave a luncheon at the House of Lords yesterday, sponsored by Lord Foot, for the members of the Solicitors' All Party Parliamentary Group. Among those present were:

Viscount Brentford, Lord Carnock, Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, CH, Lord Coleraine, Lord Evans of Claughton, Lord Goodman, CH, Lord Mishcon, Lord Nathan, Lord Noel-Buxton, Lord Rathcreedan, Lord Wrenbury, Sir Hugh Rossi, MP, Mr Leo Abse, MP, Mr Richard Alexander, MP, Mr Spencer Batiste, MP, Mr Anthony Favell, MP, Mr Cecil Franks, MP, Mr Gregory Knight, MP, Mr Gerrard Neale, MP, Mr Patrick Nicholls, MP, Mr Barry Porter, MP, Mr David Sumberg, MP, Mr John M Taylor, MP, Mr Peter Viggers, MP, Mr John Whitfield, MP, Mr Derek Bradbeer, vice-president, and Mr John Bowron, secretary general.

Carlton Club Political Committee

Mr Kenneth Baker, MP, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon given by the Political Committee of the Carlton Club yesterday. Mr Eric Koops, chairman of the committee, presided and Mr Christopher Granville also spoke.

National Children's Home

Viscount Tonypandy, Chairman of the National Children's Home, was host yesterday at a luncheon at the Travellers' Club, in aid of the home. Among those present were:

Major the Hon Philip Sidney, Sir John Riddell, Sir Morris Laing, Mr Tony Baldry, MP, Mr and Mrs Ted Hughes, Mr Alderman and Mrs Christopher Collett, Miss Shirley Ann Field, Miss Anita Roddick, Mr David Kossoff and Mr Charles Love.

Bain & Company

Sir Jack Lyons and Mr John Theroux were hosts at a luncheon on Tuesday, November 25 at 16 Connaught Place, W2, for the Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for the Home Department. Among those present were:

Lord Hunt, Lord Keith of Castleacre, Lord Ezra, Sir Raymond Lygo, Sir John Read, Mr David Allance, Mr Archibald Cox, Mr Hugh Dundas, Mr J R da Fonseca, Mr Jon Foulds, Mr Paul Fox, Mr Ronald Grierson, Mr Nicholas Horsley, Mr James Lupton, Mr John Loudon, Mr Stuart Lyons, Mr Mick Newmarch, Mr Lewis Robertson, Mr Ernest Saunders and Mr Vic Steel.

Tyne Tees Television

M Valéry Giscard d'Estaing attended a luncheon given Tyne Tees Television on November 26, at the Hyde Park Hotel. Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison, chairman, presided. The guests included:

Viscount Whitelaw, CH, Mr John Wakeham, MP, Mr John Biffen, MP, Mr James Callaghan, MP, Lord Thomson of Monifieth (Chairman of the IBA), Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, MP, the Most Rev Dr John Habgood, Lady Littler, Mr Edmund Dell (Chairman of Channel 4 TV), Mr Justin Dukes, Lord Erroll of Hale, Mr John Whitney, Lord Denham, Sir Nicholas Henderson, Geoffrey Rippon, QC, MP, Sir Brian Cubbon, the Egyptian Ambassador, the French Ambassador, the Ambassador of Japan, Mr Jack Dormand, MP, Mr David Howell, MP, Mr Paul Fox, Mr Michael Allison, MP, Lord Glenkinglas, Mr Gerald Kaufman, MP, Lord Willis, Mr Ernest Armstrong, MP, Lord Elliott of Morpeth, Lord Blyton, Sir Geoffrey Cox, members of the national press and representatives of industry, commerce and the North East and North Yorkshire community.

Gray's Inn

The following have been elected Masters of the Bench of Gray's Inn:

Mr Brian James Higgs, QC, (Recorder), Mr Michael ap Gwilym Lewis, QC, (Recorder), Mr Alan Rupert Tyrrell, QC, (Recorder), Mr Richard Leslie Clifford Hartley, QC, Mr Christopher Ohl Macredie Bedingfield, QC, Mr Anthony John Butcher, QC, (Recorder), Mr Michael Anthony Bowes Burke-Gaffney, QC, Mr Anthony David Coleman, QC, Mr Elvet John Prosser, QC, (Recorder), Mr Robert Lionel Johnson, QC, (Recorder), Mr Christopher Hiley Ludlow Bathurst, QC, Mr Eliot Michael Hill, QC, (Recorder).

Company of Merchants

Company of Merchants of the City of Edinburgh

At the annual meeting of the Company of Merchants of the City of Edinburgh held in the Merchants' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, December 13, 1986, Mr Michael James Walker was elected as Master and Mr Peter Heatly, as Treasurer. Mr William McDonald was re-elected Secretary.

Ball

RNLI Lifeboat and Mermaid Ball

The RNLI Lifeboat and Mermaid Ball will be held on December 4 at the London Hilton hotel. For information about tickets, donations and advertising in the ball programme, please contact the chairman, Lady Bernard, 7 Cresswell Gardens, London, SW5 0BJ. Telephone 01-373 9412.

Richmond Tutorial College

The annual Colwell lecture, "The Labour Party and the Abolition of the Public Schools and Oxbridge Colleges" will be delivered by Mr Carey Palmer, Principal of Richmond Tutorial College, on December 18, at the college. For further information please telephone 01-940 8273.

Appointment

Mr Michael Hoy, Managing Editor of *The Times*, is to join the Defence and Press Broadcasting Committee.

Dinners

Society of Local Authority Chief Executives

The annual dinner of the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives was held at the Savoy Hotel yesterday. Mr P. Rust, president, was in the chair and Dr John Cunningham, MP, was the guest speaker.

High Court Journalists' Association

The annual dinner of the High Court Journalists' Association was held at the Law Society Hall yesterday. Mr Douglas Broom, chairman, presided and the guest speakers were Mr Justice Scott and Mr Justice Ognall. Among others present were:

Mr Justice Balcombe, Mr Justice Rush, Judge Thomas, Miss Shirley Ritchie, QC, Mr Peter Gani, QC, Mr John Wickerson, Mr Ian Yates, Mr Brian MacArthur, Mr E H Marsh, Mr John Lesse, Mr Norman Fox, Mr Phillip Walker and Mr Jonathan Fenby.

Past Overseers' Society of St Margaret and St John, Westminster

The Lord Mayor of Westminster, locum tenens, Councillor R. W. Forrester, the Duke of Norfolk and Mr David Hopkin, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, were the principal guests at the annual dinner of the Past Overseers' Society of St Margaret and St John, Westminster, at the Hotel Inter-Continental yesterday. Mr Reginald Pullen, chairman of the society, presided and Mr Rodney Brooke also spoke.

British Museum

Lord Windlesham, Chairman of Trustees of the British Museum, gave a dinner at the museum yesterday in honour of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Madagascar, the Minister of Culture and Revolutionary Art and the Inspector of the Armed Forces and Military Adviser to the President, on the occasion of the opening of the exhibition "Madagascar: Island of the Ancestors" at the Museum of Mankind.

Fulbright Commission

The fortieth anniversary of the Fulbright Programme was celebrated at Guildhall yesterday with an address by Mr Alisteir Cooke, who was introduced by the American Ambassador, followed by a reception and dinner. Mr Roger Jospe was host and Lord Young of Graffham and Senator J. William Fulbright also spoke. Mrs Anne Collins, Chairman of the Fulbright Commission, made the presentations.

Sneatonian Society of Civil Engineers

The Sneatonian Society of Civil Engineers held its final dinner of the present session at the Institution of Civil Engineers last night. Mr J. W. Baxter presided.

Reed's School

The annual dinner of Reed's School was held at Grocers' Hall yesterday. Mr John Robertson, president, was in the chair. Mr George Nissen and Mr David Prince, Headmaster of Reed's School, also spoke. The Master of the Grocers' Company and Mrs Whitmore and the Deputy Mayor of Elmbridge and Mr Lyon were among those present.

Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers

Mr Allen Thompson, Master of the Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers, assisted by the Wardens, Mr Mark Tollit and Mr John Leighton, presided at a dinner held at Stationers' Hall yesterday. Commander and Alderman Sir Robin Gillett was the guest of honour and Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Wilkins, Commandant General, Royal Marines, also spoke. The Prime Warden and Clerk of the Dyers' Company and the Masters and Clerks of the Leathersellers', Cordwainers', Musicians' and Glass-Sellers' Companies were among others present.

Federation of Ophthalmic and Dispensing Opticians

Mr R. T. Harris, Chairman of the Federation of Ophthalmic and Dispensing Opticians, presided at the annual dinner held last night at St Ermin's Hotel. Lord Cullen of Ashbourne, president, Mr M. W. Bateman, vice-chairman, and Mr Tony Newton, Minister for Health, also spoke. Others present included:

The Master of the Spectacle Makers' Company, the President of the Association of British Dispensing Opticians, the Chairman of the General Optical Council, the Chairman of the Association of Optical Practitioners, the Chairman of the Optical Information Council and the President of the British College of Ophthalmic Opticians (Optometrists).

Horwath & Horwath (UK)

Mr Jonathan Bodlender, Managing Director of Horwath & Horwath (UK) and Stoy Hayward, chartered accountants, was host at a dinner held at the Reform Club yesterday to mark the international conference, "Tourism in the 1990s", being held this week. Senhor Licinio da Cunha, Secretary of State for Tourism of Portugal, and Lady Viqar Nisa Noon, Chairman of Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation, were guests of honour. Among others present were:

Mr Li Hai Rui (National Tourist Administration of China), Mr Raymond Pawson (International Hotel Association), Mr Gabriel Lee (Commission of the European Communities), Senhor Serras Pereira (Director General of Tourism of Portugal), Mr Tony Speller, MP, Mr Lan Lickorish (Overseas Travel Consultant), Mr Peter Smith (International Leisure Group), and Mr Cavendish Knowles (Oberoi Hotels, India).

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The Development Trust for the Young Disabled,
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THE DEVELOPMENT TRUST FOR THE YOUNG DISABLED

Sale room

'Hope' sets record auction price for Victorian painting

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

G. F. Watts' famous painting of "Hope", sitting on a globe with bandaged eyes plucking the one remaining string of her lyre, became the most expensive Victorian painting ever sold at auction when it sold for £869,000 at Sotheby's yesterday.

Sotheby's printed estimate was £150,000 to £250,000 but they had upped their hopes to around half a million by the eve of the sale.

It was bought by Peter Nahum, a London dealer, on behalf of an unnamed English collector. His chief rival was Julian Hartnoll who acts for Frederick Koch, the American millionaire who plans to set up a centre for the study of Victorian art at Sutton Place, near Guildford.

Nahum was stunned by the pleasure of acquiring the painting and dubbed it a "steal". "Who would think that you could buy one of the most famous Victorian paintings – perhaps the greatest Victorian painting – for as little as that."

He pointed out that Watts was virtually deified by the British public of his day and by his fellow artists, as well as being a significant influence on the French Symbolistes.

Sotheby's sale mixed Victorian and nineteenth century European pictures. There were some high prices but quite a number of unsold lots, demonstrating that this field is not fully caught up in the autumn's art market boom.

A charcoal drawing by Millet of a peasant mother teaching her little daughter to knit secured £165,000 (estimate £70,000 – £100,000) while a little roundel by Fod Maddox Brown, "Southend looking towards Shearness", with a pony trap passing a white cow on a country lane, made a record for the artist at £126,500.

A detail from Millet's "The knitting lesson" which was sold for £165,000 at Sotheby's, yesterday.

The bargain of the sale was probably Kobke's brilliant little portrait of Dr Johann Hjardemaal at £58,600 (estimate £40,000 – £60,000), an outstanding work by Denmark's leading artist. The sale totalled £1,920,000 with 16 per cent left unsold. A sale of second division pictures in the same field added another £1,063,260 but 25 per cent was unsold.

Phillips succeeded in selling the silver-mounted baton of Field-Marshall Erhard Milch, a senior Nazi officer, for £7,480 (estimate £4,000 – £6,000) to Adrian Forman, a London dealer. It was their second attempt. It was included in a sale of war memorabilia a year ago on behalf of the family of Brigadier Derek Mills-Roberts to whom Milch surrendered on May 3 1945. The Milch family challenged their ownership in the courts and the baton had to be withdrawn from sale. They dropped the case against Phillips and the Mills-Roberts family a few months ago, allowing the sale to go ahead.

Milch is reported to have surrendered the baton with a crisp "Heil Hitler" and a salute. At which Mills-Roberts broke the baton over his head. Shortly before, he and his troops had experienced the horrors of the Neustadt concentration camp and found hundreds of massacred prisoners on the beach at Travemunde.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.J. Lawson and the Hon Katharine Ashton

The engagement is announced between Douglas, son of Mr and Mrs H. D. Lawson, of 58 Seafield Road, Broughty Ferry, Dundee, and Kate, younger daughter of Lord and Lady Ashton of Hyde, of Fir Farm, Upper Slaughter, Bourton on the Water, Gloucestershire.

Mr A. Anton and Miss M. Rhoden Price

The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs Graeme Anton, of Worcestershire, and Melissa Marie, daughter of Mrs Charles H. Price II and step daughter of the American Ambassador to the Court of St James's.

Mr T.J. Crane and Miss L.J. Rowles

The engagement is announced between Timothy John, second son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Crane, of Barry, South Glamorgan, and Lisa Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Rowles, of Barry, South Glamorgan.

Mr J. Farn and Miss J.A. Kempton

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr and Mrs J. L. Farn, of Nerja, Spain, and Julie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Kempton, of Finchley, London.

Mr P.C. Hunt and Miss S.L. Allen

The engagement is announced between Peter Clayton, eldest son of Mr and Mrs George Hunt, of Winchmore Hill, North London, and Sarah Lindsay, younger daughter of Colonel and Mrs James Allen, of Churt, Surrey.

Mr P.A.E. Littleboy and Miss M.L. Benson

The engagement is announced between Peregrine Aidan Eldon, younger son of Mr and Mrs C. G. Littleboy, of Howe, Thirsk, North Yorkshire, and Mary Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. A. Benson, of Thornborough, Bedale, North Yorkshire.

Dr T.J.F. Nicholson-Lailey and Dr C.A. Jones

The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Dr and Mrs P. J. F. Nicholson-Lailey, of Baltonsborough, Somerset, and Claudia, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Jones, of Shatton, Derbyshire.

Mr S.A.R. Mills and Miss E.A. Murphy

The engagement is announced between Stuart, eldest son of the late Mr A. T. Mills and of Mrs A. M. Mills, of Pinner, Middlesex, and Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. Murphy, of Harlington, Bedfordshire.

Mr S.A. Pritchard-Smith and Miss N. A-L. De Young

The engagement is announced between Simon Alexander, youngest son of Mr and Mrs S. Pritchard-Smith, of The Cottage, Blackawton, South Devon, and Nicole Astrid-Lisa, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. de Young, of The West Penthouse, Grove Court, Drayton Gardens, SW10.

Mr D.H.A. Reitman and Miss S.A. Shelley

The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs Eli Reitman, of London, and Stephanie, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Shelley, of London.

Mr P.G. Sargent and Miss N.C. Reeves

The engagement is announced between Peter Glenn, son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Sargent, of Auckland, New Zealand, and Natasha Clare, younger daughter of Flight-Lieutenant and Mrs W. Herridge, of Tickencote Mill, Rutland.

Mr M.P. Simpson and Miss S.R. Parkes

The engagement is announced between Mark Philip, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael J. Simpson, of Shenstone, Staffordshire, and Susan Rosalind, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeffrey W. Parkes, of Halesowen, West Midlands.

Mr G.D. Tanner and Miss A.P. Cresse

The engagement is announced between Gordon Darley, son of the late Mr J. D. Tanner and Mrs E. G. Tanner, of Goring-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and Anne Penelope, daughter of Mr L. S. B. Crosse and the late Mrs J. H. Crosse, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Marriage

Dr J.M.G. Foster and Miss F.P. Vaillant

The marriage took place on Saturday, November 22, at St Johns' Church, Blackheath, of Dr James Foster, elder son of Dr and Mrs Robert Foster, of Bembridge, Isle-of-Wight, and Miss Felicity Vaillant, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Charles Vaillant, of West Derby, Liverpool.

OBITUARY

MR DEREK HART

Gifted broadcaster and film-maker

Mr Derek Hart, whose long career in radio, television and documentary films began in 1946, and who was a founder member and co-presenter of the original BBC *Tonight* programme, died in London on November 23. He was 61.

Derek Osborne Hart was born on March 18, 1925, and educated at Christ's College, Bath, and at Lincoln College and New College Oxford. From 1943 to 1945 he served as a pilot in the Fleet Air Arm. His first broadcasts were as an actor, after playing in the West End and repertory, and he appeared in a number of television dramas as early as 1948.

In 1949 he joined the radio cast of *Mrs Dale's Diary* in which he played the part of Bob Dale for two years. For four more years he played a wide variety of roles in BBC repertory, but it was as one of the presenters of the *Tonight* programme, and as one of its principal interviewers on current affairs and the arts, that he became a household name. His intelligence, charm, firmness and humour helped to make the programme the exceptional success it was.

Subsequently he presented for BBC2 the *Europa* programme, which made effective use of foreign countries' coverage of current affairs, often conferring on the British people the gift to see themselves as others saw them. Among many other television and radio programmes of his was the first BBC consumer programme, *Choice*, and the radio series *The Lively Arts*.

In 1968 he began to build a further reputation as an independent producer, writer, and director of documentary films, at first in partnership with Lord Snowdon, making *Don't Count The Candles*, *Love of a Kind*, *Born to be Small*, and *Happy Being Happy*. The first of these won two Emmy awards.

In the mid-1970s he joined the parliamentary and public affairs consultancy which was to become the Russell Partnership, and made three films for the Red Cross on Lebanon, Africa and Cambodia, which were repeatedly shown all over the world. In the course of ten years he made many highly successful films for different clients, in the process travelling widely.

His interests extended far beyond the confines of his work. He loved music, cricket, the arts, horse racing and parties. The qualities which made him such a civilized interviewer had won him many friends. He was both a very sociable and a very private person.

Despite serious illness in the last year of his life he continued to pursue his work and interests with the same perfectionist zeal and enjoyment as ever – occasionally casting an amused and mischievous eye on the difficulties of his old employer, the BBC.

He married, in 1951, the journalist Siriol Hugh-Jones, who died in 1964. Their daughter survives him.

SIR DUGALD BAIRD

Professor K. John Dennis writes:

Sir Dugald Baird's interests spanned a greater and more varied field than your obituary (November 18) may have suggested.

His status as a man of energy with great powers of analysis and criticism was first recognized nationally in the mid-1930s when the then president of the British Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Sir Eardley Holland, cancelled his own address to make way for the young Baird.

This gave him an opportunity to describe the adaptation of the kidneys and bladder in pregnancy and explained why pregnant women were so susceptible to serious and sometimes fatal infections in this area.

In the 1950s his critical epidemiological approach produced changes in the management of pregnant women resulting in a dramatic reduction in perinatal mortality in north-east Scotland.

The scientific publications from his department were recognized by the Medical Research Council which, in 1956, established the obstetric medicine research united in Aberdeen under his directorship. The unit's publications in the fields of reproductive physiology, endocrinology, epidemiology and medical sociology quickly established an international reputation.

The width of his achievements can be judged by the fact that at least 26 of those working with him were later appointed to professorships in the United Kingdom and abroad.

Following his official retirement in 1965 he continued his research interests, and his last scientific paper, containing original data, was published last year. He was a humane, friendly, readily approachable man, of great intellect.

DR IAN BUSH

Drs J. F. Tait, FRS, and S. A. S. Tait, FRS, write:

One of the contributions of Dr Ian Bush (November 11) to endocrinology was his studies on the nature of the secretions of the adrenal cortex.

He combined the *in situ* adrenal perfusion system, pioneered by Dr Martha Vogt, with his microchemical methods to analyse adrenal secretions. This was the first time this had been accomplished in terms of known individual steroids such as corticosterone and cortisol.

The most significant work on aldosterone in the 1950s in Britain was to establish that this hormone was secreted. The application of the Bush chromatographic methods was essential to separate aldosterone from other steroids and they were then used to analyse dog and monkey adrenal perfusates obtained by him.

In a sense, he wrote his own obituary last year in autobiographical notes for *Steroids*, where his early excitement in the science is clear. This, together with his originality and articulate explanation of his ideas, was the basis for his inspiring personal influence on his colleagues.

SIR GEOFFREY THISTLETON-SMITH

A. H. writes:

The main responsibility of Geoffrey Thistleton-Smith (November 18) as "Mining Commander" HMS *Vernon*, from 1940 to 1942, was the safety and reliability of all new underwater weapons except torpedoes.

This included depth charges and the ahead-throwing weapons that were to supplement them, which were all vital to the defeat of the U-boats, as well as moored mines being laid in barrages, and ground mines for laying by aircraft.

In his mid-seventies, he asked my wife to enrol him for a cordon bleu cookery course at the Chichester College of Technology. The supervisor seemed surprised. "Is the admiral really serious?" she enquired.

"This one will be", was the reply. And, of course, he was top of the class, as, I suspect, he often had been during sublieutenants' courses long ago.

Rita Falk, 1952 Olympic figure-skating champion, who competed under her maiden name of Ria Baran, died on November 12. She was 63.

She and her partner, Paul Falk, whom she later married, won the figure skating event at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics. They also won the world title in 1951 and 1952.

MR RICHARD ARMITAGE

J. B. S. writes:

May I draw attention to a curious error in the obituary of Richard Armitage (November 20)?

The name Noel Gray was intended to be that used by his father Reginald Armitage (at that time a cathedral organist) in his capacity as a composer of popular songs. But he was misheard by his first music publisher with the result that he became known as Noel Gay.

At the time the mistake was not regarded as significant and he continued to be known by that name.

Armitage's business dealings were characterized by the strongest integrity, a feature not as common as it should be in the industry in which he worked.

Mr Leroy "Uncle Ray" Johnson, self-proclaimed prophet and leader of the small polygamist border town of Colorado City, died on November 25. He was 98.

Johnson and two other families, the Barlows and Jessops, formed, in 1943, the United Effort Plan, a cooperative trust that owns most of the town (pop. 2,000).

Their sect holds to the old Mormon polygamist belief, having separated from mainstream Mormonism in 1890.

Johnson is survived by 13 of his 16 wives.

Latest wills

Baron Plant of Benenden, of Montacute Road, Lewes, East Sussex, who, as Mr Cyril Plant, was general secretary of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation for 16 years and was chairman of the TUC in 1976, left estate valued at £184,329 net. He died intestate.

Mrs Hilda Grace Bainbridge, of Winchester Road, Worthing, West Sussex, left £85,510 net, equally between Dulwich College, and the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation.

The Rt Rev John Gilbert Hindley Baker, of Orchard End, Dorking, Surrey, former Assistant Bishop of Guildford, who as Bishop of Hong Kong and Macao from 1966-81 became the first bishop to ordain an English woman to the priesthood, left £218,265 net.

Mr Robert Geoffrey Horton, of Bellbroughton, Hereford and Worcester, left estate valued at £943,779.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM

Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgement: and wait on thy God continually. Hosea 12 : 6

BIRTHS

BARNETT - On November 23rd, to Laura (née Weidenfeld) and Christopher, a daughter, Clara Auriana, a sister for Benjamin, Rowan and Nathaniel.

DENBY - On November 21st, at the North Devon District Hospital, to Georgia and Tim, the joy of a daughter, Maxine Elizabeth, now home at The Manor, Bradford.

FACKELMAYER - On November 25th, at the Lindo Wing, St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Olivia and Friedl, a son, Oliver James.

FOOTTIT - On the 23rd November, in Inverness, to Judy (née Scott-Webb) and Hugh, a son, Alexander James.

LENNARD - On Saturday November 22nd 1986, to Sindy (née Pelkin) and Richard Lennard, a daughter, Natasha Leanne, a sister for Alexander.

MANN - On November 23rd, at the North Devon District Hospital, to Selina (née Hildyard) and Richard, a daughter.

MARTIN - On 21st November 1986, in Exeter, to Alison, wife of Anthony, a son, Richard.

ROCHEZ - On November 19th, to Hazel and Nicholas, a son, Harry, a brother for Charlotte.

SHELLEY - On November 23rd 1986, to Francesca (née Flores) and Philip, a son, Tom Stephen Kenneth, a brother for Paul and Henry.

STITCHER - On November 24th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Hammersmith, to Penelope and Gregory, a son, Sam, brother to Adam.

THOMPSON - On November 25th, at The Portland Hospital, London, W1, to Venetia (née Heathcote) and Nicholas, a son, Charles Frederick. A brother for Simon.

VALNER - On November 24th, at St Peter's, Chertsey, to Jane and Nicholas, twin sons, Simon and Andrew, brothers to James.

VAN DE PETTE - On November 24th, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Nicole (née Ainley Smith) and John, a son, Mathew Edward Ainley, a brother for William and Jonathan.

WALENDA-DUKE - On November 25th, in Kota Kinabalu, to Anne and Gonthier, a son, Nicolas Gonthier.

DEATHS

ASHBY - On November 24th 1986, Arthur, Lloyds Underwriter, husband of Marjorie, father of Brian and Alan and a much loved grandfather. Funeral at Worthing Crematorium, Findon, on Wednesday December 3rd at 12.15 pm. Flowers and all enquiries to F A Holland & Son, Terminus Road, Littlehampton. Tel (0903) 713939.

BASHFORD - On November 23rd, at Plymouth, Philip, husband of Liz, The Bungalow, Runleigh, Bere Alston, elder son of Atyson and Humphrey.

BLAKEWAY - On November 24th, suddenly at home, John Denys, dear husband of Jasmine and father of Alys, Sophia and Denys. Enquiries to L C Hill & Son, Funeral Directors. Tel: 0747 860361. 'Bold, cautious, true and my loving comrade'.

BOURNE - On November 26th, peacefully in hospital, Stafford, aged 86 years. Dearly loved husband of Jane and father of Jinny and Edward. Cremation private followed by scattering of ashes at sea. Please no letters or flowers.

CARDEW-RENDLE - On November 19th 1986, at Westminster Hospital, Phyllis, wife of H. C. Cardew-Rendle, of Selwyn Avenue, Richmond-upon-Thames. Cremation has taken place.

DAVIS - On November 23, at the Sue Ryder Home, Cheltenham, Marjorie, aged 69. Former Head of Cirencester School and former Chairman of the Council for Professions Supplementary to Medicine. Private cremation followed by Thanksgiving Service at Cirencester Parish Church at a later date. Donations to the Star Centre, Ullenwood, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

FERGUSON — On November 24th 1986, suddenly at home, 34 Guildhall St, Bury St Edmunds, Adam John aged 23 years much loved son of Dugald and Margaret Ferguson and grandson of Kathleen Mary Watson. The requiem mass takes place on Monday December 1st at St Edmunds Church, Bury St Edmunds, at 11am followed by interment. Flowers or donations if preferred to The British Epilepsy Association, may be sent C/o, L. Fulcher Ltd, 80 Whiting Street, Bury St. Edmunds.

GOAR - On November 23rd, suddenly in London, Gustave Joseph of Lausanne, Switzerland, aged 83. Much loved father of Philip and beloved grandfather of David and Michael. Funeral at Spanish and Portuguese Jews Cemetery, Hoop Lane, Golders Green, London, NW11, Thursday, November, 27th, at 2.30 pm.

HEBBLETHWAITE - On 26th November 1986, very suddenly at 121a Bentinck Drive, Troon, May Anderson, beloved wife of Douglas and fond mother of Michael and Graham. Funeral Service at St Ninian's Episcopal Church, Bentinck Drive, Troon at 12.30 on Friday 28th November followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

ILISS - On November 25th, peacefully in his sleep aged 6 months, 'Billy' dearly loved son of Jay and Doey and brother of Henrietta.

IRWIN - On 24th November, Graham Irwin, aged 53 years of Burscough. All enquiries please to: John Tyrer & Sons, 7 Mart Lane, Burscough. Tel (0704) 892264.

JANION - On November 22nd, in Brussels, Neville, formerly of Woldingham. Dearly loved husband of Gea. Funeral has already taken place.

KISBY - On 22nd November 1986, suddenly, William (Bill) Kisby, aged 43, much loved husband of Annaick and father of Thomas and Charlotte. Private family Service. Memorial Service to be held at St Peter's Church, March, on Monday 1st December 1986 at 2 pm. Donations, if desired, may be sent to Cancer Research Campaign, c/o George Brewin, High Street, March, Cambridgeshire.

LAWSON - On November 24th 1986, peacefully at home after a long illness, Agnes Mary (Mollie) Lawson, of Fulbourn Manor, Cambridge, aged 79. Funeral at St Vigor's Church, Fulbourn on Tuesday 2nd December at 12 noon. All enquiries to Harry Williams & Sons, Tel: 0223 359480.

NIMMO - On November 25rd, in hospital at Sutton after a sudden short illness, Keith Stanley Nimmo, much loved father of Blair, Neil and Simon, grandfather to Lucy, Thomas and Benjamin and dear husband to the late Margaret Ann. Service at St John's Church, Belmont on Monday December 1st at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Administrator, Royal Marsden Hospital, Downs Rd, Sutton, Surrey.

NOKES - On November 22nd, peacefully in his 90th year, Malcolm Cuthbert, at The Lawn. Husband of Elizabeth, dear father of Jonathan and Julian, grandpa of Sebastian and Humphrey. Cremation at Guildford Crematorium, November 28th at 3pm. Donations may be sent to: Friends of the Elderly c/o The Lawn Holybourne, Alton Hants GU34 4JA.

OLIVER - On 24th November 1986, after a short illness bravely borne, Margaret Winifred (née Gay), aged 66 years, beloved wife of Charles and mother of David. Funeral Service will be held on Friday 28th November at 11.30am at St Botolph's Church, Northfleet, followed by cremation at Medway Crematorium at 12.30 pm. Floral tributes to T S Horlock & Son Ltd, 10 The Hill, Northfleet, Kent. Gravesend (0474) 352159.

PARSONS - On 22nd November, suddenly and of 1 Caldbeck Close, Ashton in Makerfield, Wigan, Lancashire, Kenneth John in his 62nd year. Beloved husband of the late Elsie Dorothy (Jo). Dearly loved father of John, Amanda, Susan and Cheryl. A loving father-in-law and a much loved grandad of Nathan, Arron, Claire, Philip, Nicholas, Samantha and Tansy. Funeral Service and cremation will take place on Friday 28th November in Wigan Crematorium Chapel at 11 am. All enquiries to Middleton & Wood, Gerard House, Gerard Street, Ashton in Makerfield. Tel: 0942 727159.

PEDDIE - On 24th November, peacefully in hospital, Ronald Peddie CBE., devoted husband of the late Vera and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Wedmore, Somerset on Friday, 28th November at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London W1H 4DH.

RILEY - On November 24th, after a short illness, Dorothy Margaret (née Crosd) aged 85, devoted mother of Noël and grandmother of Alice, Polly and Beatrice, much loved by all who knew her. Funeral at St James's Church, Great Saling, on December 2nd at 10.30am followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Andrew's Church, Bulmer, at 12.noon. Flowers or donations, to the NSPCC may be sent to, Brown and Fenn, Acton Square, Sudbury, Suffolk.

ROSE - On November 24th 1986, Frank William O.B.E., J.P., of Worth Court, Worth, Sandwich, Kent, aged 81 years. Funeral private. Memorial Service to be announced later.

TAYLOR - On November 24th 1986, peacefully in Guys Hospital, Bernard David, aged 69. Cremation on Monday December 1st 3.30 pm at Honor Oak Crematorium, Brockley Way, SE23, where friends will be welcome.

WADDELL - On November 24th 1986, at Cheltenham General Hospital, Gordon Peter Waddell, of Eastleach and London, barrister at Law and formerly of Uganda Police. Dearly loved by Pippa, Douglas, Muriel and Eric. Funeral at 2 pm on Friday November 28th at St Andrew's Church, Eastleach, nr Cirencester. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Overseas Service Pensioners Benevolent Society, 63 Church Road, Hove, Sussex, BN3 2BD.

WILKINS - On November 23rd, Bartholomew, darling husband, friend and partner of Maryanne, beloved father of Joshua, Sophie and Esther. A Service to be held at Christ Church, Highbury Grove N5, on Friday 28th at 2.30 pm. No flowers.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

KING - Noel Stuart, this Saturday, Woburn Church, at noon. Bookings/enquiries (0908) 79111.

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YOUNG - Dr Carmichael. A Memorial Service for the late Dr Carmichael Young will be held in the Chapel of St Mary's Hospital, Paddington on Wednesday 3 December at 12.30 pm

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

DRAKE - Nick - November 26th - a fitting tribute - I named my son for you - You will live on in my heart forever.

Science report

Beetle against beetle in fight to save trees

By Gareth Huw Davies

Scientists have pitted an insect predator against one of the most serious scourges of commercial forestry, the great spruce bark beetle, and they are increasingly confident that their appointed champion will prevail.

The great spruce bark beetle, *Dendroctonus micans*, is found from Japan to Western Europe. It was first detected in British plantations in 1982, although it probably arrived 10 years earlier. It is now established on a wide front in Wales, Gloucestershire, Lancashire, and Shropshire, in plantations of Sitka and Norway spruce.

The aggressive *Dendroctonus micans* is capable of attacking and killing the tree on its own, without needing to establish a breeding colony, particularly when its victim is under stress during long periods of drought.

The great spruce bark beetle's most dedicated predator is *Rhizophagus grandis*, a smaller beetle found in mainland Europe but not in Britain. For three years the Forestry Commission, in a programme unprecedented in Britain, has been breeding *Rhizophagus grandis* from stock imported from Belgium under licence and releasing it.

After the first experimental release of 27 pairs in 1983, the programme was increased with the release of 88,000 insects at 2,400 infested sites, owned by the commission and private growers.

Grandis was chosen because it attacks no other insect and is the only species capable of reducing *Dendroctonus micans* to very low levels. Unlike other predators which, as soon as the prey drops, seek another food source, Grandis remains in tune with the population of *Dendroctonus micans*.

The commission's scientists expect the Grandis population to increase sharply, with a potential tenfold increase per generation. It breeds at twice the rate of its prey, progressively outpacing it and eventually overwhelming it.

Dr Hugh Evans, principal entomologist at the Forestry Commission, believes *Rhizophagus grandis* is performing increasingly well. Whereas in 1985 it was present in 50 per cent of the release sites the commission examined, in 1986, it was being found even in the course of general surveys, when it was not being specifically sought. It is has been found at least two-and-a-half miles from a given release point.

Dr Evans is encouraged by the experience from Georgia in the Soviet Union, where, over the past 20 years, Soviet scientists have set four million Grandis beetles on the great spruce bark beetle over 312,000 acres. The pest is now considered under control.

He sees no reason why the British release programme should not enjoy similar success. Soviet scientists estimate it takes seven to 10 years for the predator to exert control.

Each beetle costs £2 to rear, but this initial high costs compares well with the alternative strategy of intensive surveys and the felling of infested trees. If the predator continues to do well, releases could soon be suspended and the advance of the Grandis left to take it course.

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Europe steps up Hotol interest

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

Military planners throughout Europe are showing increasing interest in using Britain's revolutionary Hotol space vehicle as a platform for the next generation of super weapons.

After a series of top-secret briefings on the project given to Ministry of Defence and Nato chiefs, experts are now convinced that Hotol, designed mainly as a way of putting commercial satellites into orbit, could be used as a virtually practically indestructible weapons launch vehicle.

They believe that the cargo bay of the Hotol could carry independently-targeted missiles or some of the new laser or electro-magnetic space "guns" now being developed for use in the controversial Star Wars defence system.

The increased military interest in the concept could help to guarantee Government funding for the project which, it is hoped, will be fully tested by the turn of the century.

Hotol, designed by British Aerospace, will be powered by a revolutionary air-breathing engine called the RB 545, now under development by Rolls-Royce. The engine powers the Hotol from a normal runway and pushes it out of the atmosphere before switching to burn liquid oxygen while the spacecraft is in orbit.

The original conception of the Hotol was to use it to put satellites into space or repair them at a fraction of the cost of using the existing shuttle or rocket launch vehicle.

The Government has backed a two-year technical feasibility programme, part-funded by industry, worth £3 million, which involves critical component testing of the engine and wind tunnel tests of the spacecraft itself. Both Rolls-Royce and British Aerospace are convinced that work is now going so well that the whole project will be ready for full-scale development within the next ten years.

Before then, however, it could need at least £75 million worth of further research and development and the final bill is expected to be around £4 billion. The Government is so far unwilling to commit further scarce funds for further research and development.

Stacking up artistic praise and awards

The painters Gilbert and George (in glasses) on the roof of their home in Spitalfields, East London, after winning the Turner Prize. The presentation of the £10,000 award, "for the greatest contribution to art in Britain in the previous 12 months", is a recognition that their glossy photo-pieces — invariably including the Italian-born Gilbert and his English partner — have, despite their mysterious content, put British art on the map. They received their award at the Tate Gallery, London, on Tuesday night. Recently the retrospective exhibition of the pair, who are still a mystery to the general public, made a great impression on the United States and Europe. (Lost opportunity of the Turner Prize, page 13). Photograph, Nick Rogers

Scottish teachers call all-out strike

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package and the refusal of the English and Welsh unions and Labour-led local authorities to think again about their Acas agreement.

The Prime Minister was said to be sticking to her view that the offers are the most generous made in the public sector and that there should be no concessions on cost or pay structure the principal bones of contention.

Meanwhile, Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, was meeting Mr John Pearman, the leader of the employers, to impress on him the consequences of a refusal to accede to the strings attached to the same offer south of the Border.

Mr Pearman was expected to counter that the Acas package signed by four of the six unions, which concentrates extra cash on the middle and lower ranks of the profession, represents the only way forward.

Mr Rifkind called in the Scottish teachers for more talks on Monday after denouncing the ballot result.

He told MPs that parents and the public would find such a course "inexplicable and unacceptable" given the generosity of his offer.

But it was clear the last-ditch efforts to persuade the education service to abide by the Government's terms were intended more for public consumption than to signify any real willingness to reopen negotiations on the main points of disagreement.

Mr John Mackay, a junior Scottish minister, said neither the cost nor the timing of the package was negotiable, but there was "still a good deal of room for manoeuvre".

Mr Donald Dewar, Labour's shadow Scottish secretary, said the vote underlined the "tragic blunder" the minister had made by adopting a "hard line stance".

He added: "Agreement is infinitely preferable to an imposed solution which could never command goodwill."

1,500 will lose jobs on Clyde

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said the scale of the losses was staggering when set against levels of unemployment in the area that were "scandalously high". He would urgently seek a meeting with Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to demand that Scott Lithgow be included on the EEC list of yards qualifying for special financial assistance when bidding for orders.

Sir Simpson Stevenson, Provost of Greenock, said the losses were worse than they had feared. Although the Scottish Development Agency has sent a task force into the Port Glasgow area to try and find new sources of industry to absorb some of the mounting unemployment, the cold fact is that shipbuilders do not have skills that readily transfer to the so-called "sunrise" industries of computing and electronics which in Scotland have suffered their own recession.

Commons call for security inquiries

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Director of Public Prosecutions the allegations made in respect of the two named individuals," Sir Michael said.

Earlier Mr Alan Williams, shadow deputy leader of the Commons, wrote to Mrs Thatcher demanding to know why she had not taken action, as head of the security services, against staff who the Government knew had leaked information to authors.

"We need a statement from you as custodian of the security of the state on the adequacy or otherwise with which you have fulfilled that role."

● Dr David Owen publicly questioned the political neutrality of Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, last night, suggesting that his credibility as a Civil Servant was "at a very low ebb" (Our Political Reporter writes).

Interviewed on Radio Four's *Analysis* programme, the SDP leader said that the Alliance would not be talking to Sir Robert under the so-called "Douglas-Home Rules", which allow opposition leaders to consult senior civil servants before general elections, because "I can see nothing that (he) could contribute to the debate personally".

● Last night, Mr Chapman Pincher, the author and journalist at the centre of the row over his book *Their Trade is Treachery* which was based on information supplied by Mr Wright, attacked the manner in which Lord Rothschild and Sir Arthur "Dickie" Franks have become embroiled in the political controversy (Our Whitehall Correspondent writes).

He said: "There is absolutely no reason for this. All that happened in his case was that I had certain information that I felt I should pass on to MI6. My contact at MI6 had been Sir Maurice Oldfield, the director-general, but he had died. In the past, when I wanted to speak to Sir Maurice, I used to leave a message with Dickie Franks."

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Mail-order spread of lurid motions

The Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, yesterday faced demands from Tory MPs for a massive crackdown against bogus points of order. They also wanted him to take action against the growing spread of motions on the order paper which contain scurrilous allegations about people involved with the security services.

The Tory MP's main target was Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, the Labour member for Workington, who from an address in Westminster runs a massive business in bogus points of order and hard-core motions. The Tories believe that Mr Campbell-Savours' business corrupts impressionable young Labour front benchers.

They cite the case of Mr Neil Kinnock, aged 44, a Welsh youth who has been approaching Mrs Margaret Thatcher — a London housewife, aged 61 — and trying to get her to talk about private matters connected with the security services.

The Tories claim that Neil started to indulge in these practices as a result of reading points of order and motions put out by the Campbell-Savours organization. Their view is that the Speaker must act now before more of our kids throw away their lives in this way.

Psychiatrists argue that there is no "causal relationship" between Campbell-Savours' publications and Mr Kinnock's behaviour. They take the view that censorship would be the greater obscenity.

The Tories reply that, in the nature of things, the link between dirty Commons motions and deviant actions in the House cannot be proven, but that common sense suggests that there must be one. They blame the parents.

Mr Campbell-Savours has for weeks been issuing his points of order at the end of question time. They all contain "explicit material" in the form of a story containing characters with such names as Sir Robert Armstrong, Sir Roger Hollis and now Lord Rothschild. Each point of order ends with a demand to the Speaker that Mrs Thatcher be forced to talk in public about the sort of subjects which are never discussed in the House, let alone by a woman.

Yesterday's Tory protest began when Mr Eric Forth, the member for Mid-Worcestershire, asked the Speaker for guidance as to "the use of a point of order in terms where hon. Members use that point of order wrongly to make accusations and allegations against members of the public, the Civil Service or other hon. Members.

"A lot of us are becoming concerned at the abuse of the House mainly by hon. Members opposite making allegations in the guise of points of order." (Tory cheers.)

The Speaker: "Yes, we are getting into the bad habit of raising points of order on political issues which are nothing to do with the Chair. The whole House will know I am frequently on my feet mouthing the words 'This is not a matter for me'.

It would be in the interests of good order if we stopped it."

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Birmingham Selly Oak, C) called for a similar condemnation by the Speaker of lurid motions. He claimed that the order paper was now being used "almost like a mail order catalogue of innuendos and accusations about people outside the House."

Mr Patrick Nicholls (Teignbridge, C) protested that there was a motion on the order paper which "names Lord Rothschild and accuses him in plain, direct terms of a criminal offence, and was put there by the hon. Member for Workington (Mr Campbell-Savours). . . Is there no vicious or slanderous calumny which cannot be put on the order without you being able to exercise some control over it?"

The Speaker's reply gave hope to the Tories who want a tougher policy. In case of misuse, the Committee of Procedure could look into the matter, he said, "and I understand that they are seeking to do so."

Amid uproar on the Tory benches, Mr Campbell-Savours rose to insist that his business was legal. "The individuals I named have been the subject of a reprimand by letter from the Attorney-General," he said mysteriously.

The Speaker: "Order. That is nothing to do with me."

Last night, Mr Campbell-Savours made it clear that he intended to carry on publishing, pending any swoop by the Committee of Procedure on his Westminster warhouse.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen opens the new Light Division Depot of the Royal Green Jackets at Flowerdown, near Winchester, 10.57; Princess Alexandra, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, the Light Infantry, attends; and opens the extension of the Royal Hampshire County Hospital at Winchester, 2.40.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the National Playing Fields Association, presents the President's Certificates at Buckingham Palace, 10; as patron and trustee, attends receptions at St James's Palace for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, 11 and 4; attends the annual meeting of the Institute of Sports Sponsorship at Buckingham Palace, 2.30; later he attends the fortieth anniversary dinner of the Cranfield Institute of Technology, 7.10.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visits the York Street Chambers of the St Marylebone Housing Association, noon.

The Prince of Wales launches the Inner Cities Trust and addresses the Building Communities Conference at the Astoria Theatre, 10.30; and later, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, attends a dinner to inaugurate the Prince's Trust Youth Business Appeal at the Mansion House, 7.20.

The Princess of Wales presents the awards for Westminster City Council's Anti-Drug Campaign at the Rock Garden Restaurant, Covent Garden, noon.

Princess Anne opens the first Sheltered/Special Sheltered Housing Scheme to be built by Sedgemoor District Council, Bridgwater, Somerset, 11.30; and opens the new indoor riding arena at Sandhill Park Hospital, Bishops Lydeard, Taunton, Somerset, 2.10.

The Duke of Gloucester visits the Lincoln College of Technology to mark the occasion of their centenary, 11; and visits St Mary's Guildhall, Lincoln, 2.10.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester attend a production of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" at the Westminster Theatre, Palace Street, Buckingham Palace Road, 6.25.

The Duchess of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, attends the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards annual officers' dinner at the Cavalry and Guards Club, 7.45.

Prince Michael of Kent, as President of the Motor Industry Research Association, attends the annual luncheon at the London Marriott Hotel, noon; and presents the 1986 Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts/Daily Telegraph Awards at the Savoy Hotel, 6.30.

Last chance to see

Animals in Art, prints from 20th century artists; Aberdeen Art Gallery and Museums, Schoolhill; 10-8.

Music

Concert by Mexborough Music Centre Orchestra; Saltergate Middle School, Mexborough; 7.30.

Concert by Rosemary Furniss and Kathryn Stott; Royal Exchange, Manchester; 1pm.

Concert by Charles Ramirez, guitarist; Trinity Arts Centre, Tunbridge Wells; 8.

Concert by Peter Lawson; The Gateway, Shrewsbury; 7.45.

Piano Duo by Claire and Antoinette Cann; Solihull Library Theatre; 1.

Piano recital by Enid Katahn; Leicestershire Museum and Art Gallery, New Walk, Leicester; 12.45pm.

Concert by Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra; Festival Theatre, Paignton; 7.30.

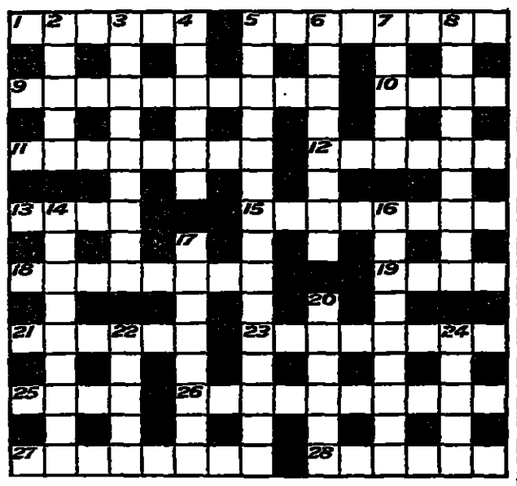
Recital by Carol Williams, United Reform Church, South Street, Farnham, Surrey.

Talks

What is the use of the State? by The Right Reverend D E Jenkins, Bishop of Durham; Newcastle University; 5.30.

Turner and the Italian Renaissance, by Cecilia Powell; Whitworth Art Gallery; Manchester; 6.30.

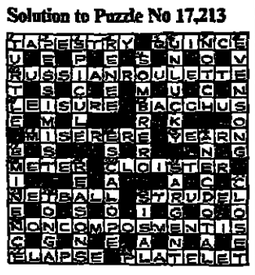
The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,214



ACROSS
1 Bones found in saintly letter-writer's home (6).
5 Brooke's English rose wasn't so authentic (8).
9 Crew gets bill for bed (4-6).
10 Garment for work in church (4).
11 Rugby player to keep at a distance (5,3).
12 One wanting to reduce legislative assembly put ruler on it (6).
13 Requirement for horse — or mule, perhaps (4).
15 Israelite accepts order for do-it-yourself drink (4-4).
18 Water mixed with ink in Jersey and Guernsey, say (8).
19 Put in order that's considerable (4).
21 No automatic source of instructions (6).
23 Two boys and not a girl in part of France (8).
25 For example, sole member of school (4).
26 Letters from Disraeli to leaders (10).
27 Demeaning for one if grand, perhaps (5,3).
28 Flight starts and ends here for disheartened fugitive (6).

DOWN
2 In the neighbourhood of a fight (5).
3 Binding cord on new net (9).
4 Lack of spinners upsetting? Exactly (4,2).
5 Unable to win if turn not enough, perhaps (3,2,3,7).
6 Dismissed current measure as danger to mine (8).
7 Concealing store's money for auditor (5).
8 Run in fear (9).
14 East European executed heretic (9).
16 Group of companies contains strike, thanks to celebrity (9).
17 We will shape our course for this source (8).
20 Cockney's injury time protection (6).
22 Doorkeeper's hard-hearted employer (5).
24 Sort of wing — Daedalus used one of each size (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,213



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Books — paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
FICTION
A Maggot, by John Fowles (Pan, £3.50)
Best Detective Stories of Cyril Hare, chosen and introduced by Michael Gilbert (Faber, £3.95)
Collected Stories, by Maurice Gee (Penguin, £3.95)
Nine Men Who Laughed, by Austin Clarke (Penguin, £3.95)
NON-FICTION
Cut Stones and Crossroads, by Ronald Wright (Penguin, £3.95)
Here Lies Eric Ambler, an autobiography (Fontana, £3.95)
People and Places, by Richard Cobb (Oxford, £4.95)
Terry Street, by Douglas Dunn (Faber, £3.95)
The Penguin Dictionary of Curious and Interesting Numbers, by David Wells (Penguin, £3.95)
Too Funny for Words, by Denys Parsons (Futura, £1.95)

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France Fr	9.68	9.18
Germany Dm	2.97	2.80
Greece Dr	234.00	214.00
Hong Kong $	11.44	10.94
Ireland Pt	1.085	1.035
Italy Lira	2062.00	1940.00
Japan Yen	244.00	230.00
Netherlands Gld	3.34	3.16
Norway Kr	11.27	10.67
Portugal Esc	225.00	207.00
South Africa Rd	3.85	3.25
Spain Pta	198.00	188.00
Sweden Kr	10.25	8.70
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USA $	1.495	1.425
Yugoslavia Dnr	850.00	700.00

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Retail Price Index: 388.4

London: The *FT* index closed 15.9 up at 1286.3

Anniversaries

Births: Anders Celsius, astronomer, inventor of the centigrade thermometer, Uppsala, Sweden, 1701; Chaim Weizmann, first president of Israel 1949-52, Motol, Russia, 1874.

Deaths: Jacopo Sansovino, sculptor, Venice, 1570; Henry Winstanley, designer of the first Eddystone lighthouse, drowned when it collapsed, 1703; Andrew Meikle, millwright and inventor of a threshing machine, Houston Mill, Dunbar, 1811; Eugene O'Neill, Boston, Massachusetts, 1953; Arthur Honegger, composer, Paris, 1955.

Tehran conference of Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin, 1943.

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All these shops are administered by the Charity Christmas Card Council, telephone (01) 242 0546..

Roads

The North: M1: Lane closures between junctions 31 and 33 (A57 Worksop/Rotherham). **M18:** Contraflow between junctions 1 and 2 (Rotherham) and between junctions 6 and 7 (Thorne/M62). **M63:** Various lane closures and restrictions at Barton Bridge, Greater Manchester.

Scotland: Edinburgh: Bonnington Road closed at Breadalbane Street, diversions in operation. **M74:** Bridge repairs at Bothwell interchange, contraflow in operation. **M90:** Contraflows between Halbeath and Cocklaw and between Cairney Bridge and Arafry interchange.

Information supplied by AA

Christmas mail

Today is the latest recommended posting date for Christmas surface mail to France.

A leaflet *Christmas Mail 1986* giving details of latest recommended posting dates for Christmas mail by air and surface is avilable from post offices.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Criminal Justice Bill, second reading.
Lords (3): Family Law Reform Bill, second reading.

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WEATHER

A ridge of high pressure will persist over southern areas but fronts will remain near or over the N. North Wales, northern and western Scotland and NW England will be rather cloudy with some rain and drizzle. South Wales, eastern Scotland and England except NW will be mostly dry with some sunny or clear intervals. Winds will be SW moderate or fresh, stronger in the N. It will be mild in most places. Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Dry in most places at first but becoming unsettled, mild at first but temperatures near normal otherwise.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.19	5.6	10.10	6.0
Aberdeen	9.41	3.6	9.42	3.7
Avonmouth	2.33	9.9	3.04	10.7
Belfast	7.09	2.9	7.21	3.3
Cardiff	2.18	9.3	2.49	9.9
Devonport	12.56	4.5	1.17	4.7
Dover	6.52	5.7	7.26	5.6
Falmouth	12.26	4.3	12.47	4.5
Glasgow	8.58	4.1	8.37	4.5
Harwich	7.13	3.5	8.11	3.7
Holyhead	6.32	4.6	6.45	4.9
Hull	1.45	5.9	2.34	6.0
Ilfracombe	1.44	7.1	2.06	7.5
Leith	10.42	4.7	10.59	4.8
Liverpool	7.10	7.6	7.28	8.0
Lowestoft	4.47	2.2	5.10	2.2
Margate	7.49	4.1	8.25	4.2
Milford Haven	2.02	5.4	2.23	5.7
Newquay	1.01	5.5	1.22	5.8
Oban	2.16	3.1	2.18	3.5
Penzance	12.12	4.5	12.32	4.7
Portland	2.33	1.8	2.33	1.7
Portsmouth	7.15	4.1	7.38	4.0
Shoreham	6.57	5.2	7.27	5.1
Southampton	7.09	3.9	7.24	3.9
Swansea	1.58	7.4	2.23	7.8
Tees			12.05	4.5
W'ton-on-Nze	7.14	3.5	8.6	3.7

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.28ft.

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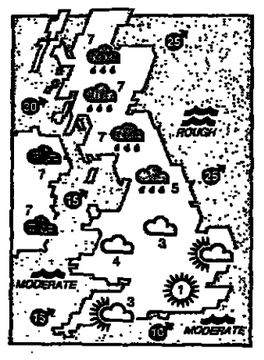

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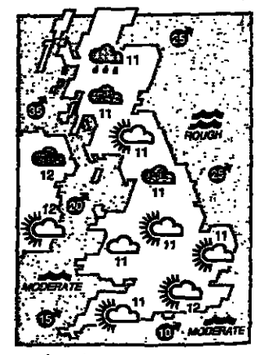

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London 4.28 pm to 7.09 am
Bristol 4.38 pm to 7.19 am
Edinburgh 4.18 pm to 7.44 am
Manchester 4.27 pm to 7.27 am
Penzance 4.56 pm to 7.25 am

Sun rises: 7.38 am
Sun sets: 3.56 pm
Moon rises: 1.49 am
Moon sets: 1.57 pm
New moon: December 1

AROUND BRITAIN

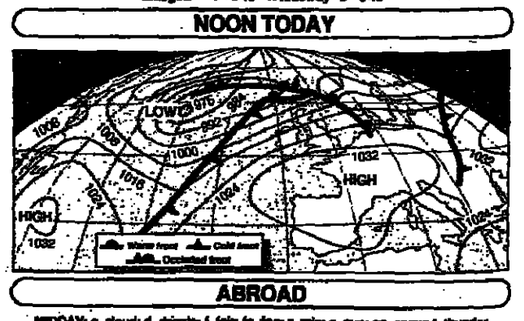
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	.33	9	48	cloudy
Bridlington	6.2	.36	8	46	sunny
Cromer	*				
Lowestoft	4.9	.07	9	48	sunny
Clacton	4.9	.04	9	48	sunny
Margate	*	-	10	50	sunny
Folkestone	4.5	.01	11	52	sunny
Hastings	5.2	.04	11	52	sunny
Eastbourne	5.4	-	10	50	sunny
Brighton	*				
Worthing	5.7	.06	11	52	sunny
Littlehampton	5.8	.07	11	52	sunny
Bognor R	6.9	.05	11	52	sunny
Southsea	6.1	.10	11	52	sunny
Shanklin	5.3	.17	10	50	sunny
Bournemth	5.6	.21	11	52	sunny
Poole	6.3	.24	11	52	sunny
Swanage	6.0	.23	11	52	sunny
Weymouth	5.9	.17	11	52	sunny
Exmouth	6.8	.16	10	50	sunny
Torquay	6.6	.21	11	52	sunny
Falmouth	*	.31	11	52	sunny
Scilly Isles	4.7	.31	11	52	sunny
Guernsey	5.2	.13	12	54	sunny
Newquay	5.0	.29	11	52	sunny
Ilfracombe	*	.74	11	52	shower
Bpool Airpt	*				
Morecambe	1.5	.21	9	48	shower
Douglas	4.8	.02	8	46	cloudy
B'ham Airpt	6.2	.43	9	48	shower
Bristol (Cnt)	3.6	.69	10	50	shower
Carlisle	1.0	.18	7	45	hail
London	4.9	.09	11	52	bright
Manchester	4.8	.52	9	48	shower
N'cstl-n-Tyne	6.3	.08	9	48	shower
Nottingham	5.7	.50	9	48	shower
Anglesey	4.4	.03	10	50	sunny
Cardiff (Cst)	3.5	.65	10	50	hail
Tenby	4.3	.39	11	52	sunny
Eskdalemuir	1.1	.19	5	41	shower
Glasgow	3.6	.06	7	45	shower
Lerwick	0.6	.22	6	43	hail
Prestwick	2.1	.09	9	48	shower
Tiree	4.4	.23	10	50	hail
Wick	1.6	.02	5	41	shower
Belfast	4.1	.05	8	46	shower

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	7	45	Guernsey	f	9	48
B'mingham	s	9	48	Inverness	f	5	41
Blackpool	f	7	45	Jersey	s	10	50
Bristol	f	10	50	London	s	10	50
Cardiff	r	7	45	M'chester	c	7	45
Edinburgh	r	7	45	Newcastle	s	8	46
Glasgow	r	6	43	P'middeway	s	8	46

NOON TODAY



ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F			C	F
Alaccio	c	18	64	Cologne	c	12	54	Majorca	s	18	64	Rome	s	17	63
Akrotiri	s	19	66	C'phagen	c	10	50	Malaga	s	18	64	Salzburg	s	9	48
Alex'dria	c	23	73	Corfu				Malta				S Frncsc'	s	14	57
Algiers	s	19	66	Dublin	s	8	46	Malln'me	c	16	61	Santiago*	f	24	75
Amst'dam	f	11	52	Dubrovnik	s	20	68	Mexico C*				S Paulo*	f	32	90
Athens				Faro	s	18	64	Miami*	c	29	84	Seoul	s	6	32
Bahrain	s	22	72	Florence	s	14	57	Milan	s	9	48	Singapor			
Barbads*	f	26	82	Frankfurt	c	10	50	Montreal*	c	2	36	St'kholm	c	11	52
Barcelna	s	16	61	Funchal	f	18	64	Moscow	d	-2	28	Strasb'rg	s	12	54
Beirut				Geneva	s	9	48	Munich	s	14	57	Sydney	s	27	81
Belgrade	fg	5	41	Gibraltar	s	18	64	Nairobi	c	18	64	Tangier	s	20	68
Berlin	s	11	52	Helsinki	c	9	48	Naples	s	20	68	Tel Aviv	s	21	70
Bermuda*	f	24	75	Hong K	c	17	63	N Delhi	f	21	70	Tenerife	f	21	70
Biarritz	c	15	59	Innsbruck	s	7	45	N York*	s	9	48	Tokyo	c	11	52
Bordx'x	c	12	54	Istanbul	d	10	50	Nice	s	16	61	Toronto*	s	5	41
Boul'ne	r	9	48	Jeddah	s	32	90	Oslo	r	7	45	Tunis	f	19	66
Brussels	f	10	50	Jo'burg*	f	26	79	Paris	s	11	52	Valencia	s	16	61
Budapst	s	7	45	Karachi	s	25	77	Peking	s	2	36	Vanc'ver*	c	9	48
B Aires*	s	26	79	L Palmas	c	21	70	Perth	f	22	72	Venice	s	12	54
Cairo	s	23	73	Lisbon	s	15	59	Prague	s	8	46	Vienna	c	6	41
Cape Tn	s	23	73	Locarno	s	10	50	Reykjvk	c	-1	30	Warsaw	s	11	52
C'blanca	c	18	61	L Angels*	s	18	64	Rhodes				Wash'ton*	f	8	46
Chicago*	s	8	46	Luxemby	d	8	46	Rio de J				Wel'ton	c	12	54
Ch'church	r	11	52	Madrid	s	11	52	Riyadh	s	22	72	Zurich	s	9	48

* denotes figures are latest available

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THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27 1986

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Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1286.3 (+15.9)

FT-SE 100
1633.0 (+13.7)

Bargains
25721 (25600)

USM (Datastream)
n/a

THE POUND

US Dollar
1.4315 (+0.0090)

W German mark
2.8494 (+0.0136)

Trade-weighted
68.2 (+0.3)

Mercury shares jump 40p

Shares in Mercury International, the merchant banking and securities group, rose by 40p yesterday, one day before it publishes its first interim results since the full group was formed in March.

The price move, which sent the shares from 388p to 428p, prompted speculation that Mr Saul Steinberg, the American arbitrageur, had been enlarging his stake in Mercury. Mr Steinberg holds close to 14 per cent of the company.

However, the buying was probably more widely spread. "It looks as though other investors may be jumping on Mr Steinberg's band-wagon, hoping the price has further to go," said Mr Rod Barrett of stockbroker Hoare Govett.

Analysts expect today's results to show profits after tax of slightly more than £30 million.

250,000 seek gas shares

More than 250,000 completed share application forms for British Gas had arrived by last night after a day which saw the "grey" market price at which gas shares could be sold slip by 3p to 58p.

Meanwhile, 11 firms have registered with the Stock Exchange as market-makers and more are expected before tonight's deadline.

Offer lapses

The Lloyd's broker PWS has formally announced the lapsing of its £173 million offer for fellow broker C E Heath. This follows the Heath shareholders' decision last week to back their board's acquisition of Fielding Insurance.

BP for Tokyo

BP intends to apply for a listing on the Tokyo Stock Exchange in the first half of next year after publication of 1986 results.

Magnet up 71%

Magnet and Southerns, the vertically integrated timber and do-it-yourself group, yesterday announced pretax profits up 71 per cent to £20.7 million. Turnover increased from 28 per cent to £153.8 million. An interim dividend of 2.2p was declared.

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Profit rises

Kwik Save Group, the North of England supermarket chain, revealed pretax profit up 17.4 per cent to £42.2 million on turnover up 11.8 per cent to £795 million for the 52 weeks to August 30. The dividend was increased by 1.2p to 6p net.

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MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 1911.14 (–0.98)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Dow ..... 17727.91 (–19.59)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2377.71 (+16.59)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 293.3 (–1.5)
Sydney: AO ..... 1383.6 (+12.9)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 2057.4 (–8.1)
Brussels:
General ..... 3986.01 (+3.82)
Paris: CAC ..... 393.3 (+0.3)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... n/a
London: FT. A ..... n/a
FT. Gilts ..... 81.08 (–0.03)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank 11⅛-11¼%
3-month eligible bills: 10²³/₃₂-11¹/₁₆%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 5⅞%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.38-5.36%*
30-year bonds 100²⁷/₃₂-100%*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.4315	$: £1.4325*
£: DM2.8494	$: DM1.9895*
£: SwFr2.3756	$: SwFr1.6590*
£: FFr9.3334	$: FFr6.5175*
£: Yen233.26	$: Yen163.10*
£: Index:88.2	$: Index:110.5
ECU £0.733276	SDR £0.847352

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Turner & Newall ..... 182p (+6p)
BPB Industries ..... 517p (+9p)
Magnet & Stms. ..... 232p (+18p)
Meyer Intnl. ..... 280p (+10p)
MK Electric ..... 392p (+11p)
Mitchell Somers ..... 129p (+8p)
GKN ..... 272p (+8p)
Tozer Kemsley ..... 170p (+15p)
THF ..... 177½p (+6½p)
Eucalyptus Pulp ..... 860p (+32p)
Goldsmiths ..... 256p (+8p)
Pentland Inds. ..... 460p (+20p)
Powell Duffryn ..... 301p (+7p)
Mercury Intnl. ..... 425p (+7p)
Trafford Park ..... 243p (+7p)

FALLS:
Derek Crouch ..... 216p (–7p)
Alphameric ..... 229p (–11p)
I.C. Gas ..... 589p (–7p)
MEPC ..... 338p (–8p)
D.J. Alarms ..... 95p (–10p)
Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $384.00 pm-$383.60
close $382.00-382.50 (£266.50-267.00)
New York:
Comex $382.60-383.10*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan.) pm$14.80 bbl ($14.55)
* Denotes latest trading price

£5.6bn payments deficit expected

Fall in jobless total forecast

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The National Institute for Economic and Social Research predicts a strong rise in output and a drop in unemployment to below three million next year in its latest *Economic Review*.

But this good news for the economy will be accompanied by a £5.6 billion balance of payments deficit and a rise in inflation to nearly 6 per cent, the institute says.

The institute, which has tended to take a gloomy view of the economy under the present Government, is encouraged by the extra public spending announced by the Chancellor in his autumn statement earlier this month.

It also expects Mr Lawson to adhere to his previous plans and cut taxes by £2 billion in the next Budget and by £4 billion — assuming the election does not intervene — in the spring of 1988.

This fiscal expansion, together with the fall in the pound that has already taken place, will produce stronger growth next year, the Institute forecasts.

Manufacturing output, after a modest 0.1 per cent rise this year, is expected to increase by 3.6 per cent next year, partly due to the strength of exports.

Unemployment is forecast to fall to 2.94 million by the end of next year.

However, owing to the large current account deficit, overall economic growth is forecast at only 2.4 per cent next year, virtually unchanged from this year's 2.5 per cent.

The institute's prediction for the current account is noticeably more gloomy than the Treasury's and the majority of other outside forecasters'. After a £5.6 billion deficit next year, it expects a £7.2 billion deficit in 1988; the Treasury's forecast is for a £1.5 billion deficit next year. It has not yet published a forecast for 1988.

The Institute is less optimistic than the Treasury on invisible earnings, expecting a £7 billion surplus next year against the official forecast of £9 billion. It also expects a higher rate of import penetration than the Treasury.

The forecast on inflation — 5.75 per cent in the fourth quarter of next year — compares with the Treasury's projection of 3.75 per cent. This is mainly due to higher import prices as a result of the pound's fall.

The *Economic Review* contains new medium-term projections based on both Conservative and Labour policies.

Labour's proposed public spending expansion, together with cuts in employers' national insurance contributions and extra measures for the long-term unemployed, should reduce unemployment below two million, according to the institute. But the penalty would be a sharp rise in inflation to more than 10 per cent and a big balance of payments deficit.

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The Government's loss of control over public spending will mean that the basic rate of income tax will go back above 30 per cent after the election, says Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker.

The next Budget will probably include a cut in the basic rate to 27 per cent from the present 29 per cent, it says in its latest *Economic Forecasts*.

But this will be the last give-away Budget for some time. "The question for the medium term is not how soon taxpayers will enjoy 25p in the pound," said Mr Bill Martin, the firm's chief UK economist. "Rather, it is whether they will escape a rate well above 30p, whatever political party is in power."

Maxwell raises AE cash offer

By John Bell, City Editor

Hollis, Mr Robert Maxwell's timber group, has confirmed its intention to raise its cash offer for AE, the automotive engineering group, after two days of consultations with institutional shareholders.

The new offer of 280p per share adds £20 million to the price Hollis is willing to pay for AE. The share swap offer of 7 Hollis shares for 2 AE shares remains unchanged and values AE at £290 million.

Hollis foreshadowed the increase in its terms last Friday, provided that the idea attracted substantial support.

Hollis yesterday claimed it had enough backing but refused to be more specific.

Mr Maxwell's company, which is much smaller than AE, says these terms are final unless there is a counterbid by a third party.

The stage is now set for a straight fight between Hollis and Turner & Newall, whose final offer closes on December 5. No closing date has yet been fixed for the Hollis offer.

Mr Maxwell's master company, Pergamon, holds almost 11 per cent of AE while Hollis can speak for a further 0.5 percent.

T & N commands slightly less than 30 per cent of AE, acquired in its first bid which failed narrowly in September.

Before Mr Maxwell raised his cash offer, T & N said holders of a further 14 per cent of AE shares were inclined to accept its own terms. It would not re-affirm this statement yesterday.

Financially, the rival offers are not far apart. Hollis claims its share offer is worth 295p per AE share if the right to AE's final dividend is taken into account.

T & N meanwhile put a price of up to 285p on its own offer by which accepting AE shareholders can elect to receive a variable mix of shares and cash.

AE also confirmed its forecast of £28 million profits for the year to end September and is bringing forward the announcement date to Monday.

Bill Warhurst

Sir Christopher: "No question of our pulling out"

Courtaulds stays in SA

Courtaulds, which announced a strong increase in profits yesterday, has no intention of joining the international exodus from South Africa. Sir Christopher Hogg, chairman, said: "There is no question of our pulling out of South Africa. We do not feel that we have anything to be ashamed about in our operation there." Courtaulds owns two-thirds of a South African wood pulp business, Saiccor. Courtaulds' pretax profits rose 35 per cent to £82 million on turnover 4 per cent higher at £1096.9 million. Comment, page 25

CBI sets up City link task force

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

A top-level task force comprising some of Britain's leading business figures has been established by the Confederation of British Industry in a new attempt to bridge the deep rifts between manufacturing industry and the City of London.

The new group, to be chaired by Mr David Nickson, president of the CBI, has been given a year by the policy-making CBI Council to come up with radical ways to bring the country's industrial and financial sectors together and to "improve the longer-term performance and international competitiveness of British industry."

Mr Nickson, chairman of Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, described the initiative as "the single most important event in my presidency."

Members who have so far agreed to serve on the task force include Mr Ian Butler, chairman of the Cookson Group, Sir John Clark, chairman and chief executive of Plessey, Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, chairman and chief executive of Allied-Lyons, Sir Hector Laing, chairman of United Biscuits, Sir Raymond Lygo, managing director and chief executive of British Aerospace, Mr Alan Stote, group chief executive of the BTS Group, and Mr Ronald Utiger, chairman of TI.

Leading financial figures on the committee are Mr Ian Hay Davison, former chief executive of Lloyd's of London and now chairman of Arthur Andersen, Mr Ron Artus, group chief investment manager of the Prudential, Mr Ferrier Charlton, senior partner at Linklaters and Paines, Mr Robin Fox, vice-chairman of Kleinwort Benson, Mr George Gwilt, managing director of Standard Life Assurance, Mr Hugh Jenkins, group investment director of Allied Dunbar Assurance, Mr Richard Lloyd, chief executive and deputy chairman of Hill Samuel, Mr John Quinton, deputy chairman of Barclays Bank, and Mr R A Stormonth-Darling, chairman of Alexanders Laing and Cruickshank.

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Panel 'operating system of no law'

American securities house Prudential-Bache claimed in the Appeal Court yesterday that it was 'very undesirable' for the City Takeover Panel to be outside the control of the courts.

Their counsel, Mr Jeremy Leaver Q C, accused the Panel of operating a "system of no law" as the City's self-regulating body.

"They have a corpus of rules which are administrative and which have many of the characteristics of legal rulings. But they don't have the redeeming features of the legal system," said Mr Leaver.

In a case which could have wide implications for the future of City self-regulation, three Appeal Judges led by Master of the Rolls Sir John Donaldson are being asked to examine the court's powers to review decisions of the Panel.

Mr Leaver is asking them to overturn the refusal of High Court judge Mr Justice Hodgson on Tuesday to give them leave to seek judicial review of a Panel decision.

Pru-Bache is advising Datafin, a company formed by an element in the McCorquodale printing group favouring a management buyout of the company.

They want to challenge the Panel's rejection of their claim last Monday that supporters of the Norton Opax bid for McCorquodale had broken the Panel's rules.

Mr Justice Hodgson ruled that the Panel was not a public law body whose decisions were open to judicial review and he had no jurisdiction to deal with the matter.

Capital goes to market

By Teresa Poole
Business Correspondent

Capital Radio, Britain's largest independent radio station, yesterday announced plans for a full stock market listing early next year. The company is likely to be valued at more than £11 million.

Capital has been broadcasting since 1973, when the consortium, under the chairmanship of Sir Richard Attenborough, won the London radio entertainment franchise. Its advertising revenue accounts for about a fifth of all independent radio stations and it has built up an audience of more than 3 million a week. The offer for sale of shares is unlikely to raise new money for Capital.

Mr Nigel Walmsley, managing director of Capital, said: "We have always promoted strong links with London's community, and wide ownership is in line with our declared intention to go public at the time of our last Independent Broadcasting Authority re-appointment."

Pretax profits for the year to September, due next month, should be almost double the £936,000 made in the previous year on turnover of £17.5 million. Capital, with all independent stations, has benefited recently from reductions in the Exchequer Levy and a rebate on the primary rental paid to the IBA.

The non-voting shares are to be enfranchised for the sale. The largest voting share stake, 28.5 per cent, changed hands this year when the Australian-owned Paul Ramsay Broadcasting (UK) took over Standard Broadcasting Corporation.

Farmers help trim US trade deficit

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The US trade deficit, which has held back economic growth, narrowed to $12.1 billion in October in the third consecutive monthly decline.

US Commerce Department officials say the October deficit was the best trade performance in 14 months on an unrevised basis, compared with the September unrevised figure of $12.6 billion. But on a revised basis, the September deficit was sharply higher at $14.7 billion.

The new figures show an encouraging pattern of rising exports which increased to $19.3 billion, up from $17.5 billion the month before. Exports of manufactured goods and farm products, two sectors of the economy which have been particularly hard hit by the high dollar, rose last month.

But the deficit for the year is nonetheless running at a record pace of $167.9 billion, already larger than the record deficit last year of $148.5 billion, officials said.

Despite the improved export performance, imports also continued to rise, increasing to $31.4 billion last month from $30.1 billion in October. The persistent high level of imports, in the wake of the falling dollar, suggests that consumer preferences for foreign products remained strong in important sectors of the economy.

A new study by the Washington-based Institute for International Economics, concluded that there must be drastic reductions in the US trade deficit over the next few years of about $150 billion to avoid major disruptions in the global economy.

Mr Fred Bergsten, the institute's director, said a new global recession is possible by 1988 unless these large adjustments are made. But to reduce the US deficit by the amounts required, he said, Japan and Europe would have to share the bulk of the corresponding trade deterioration in other countries.

News Int to develop Fleet St offices

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent

News International, which owns *The Sun*, *News of the World*, *The Times* and *Sunday Times*, is to develop 275,000 sq ft of offices on the site of the *News of the World* building, fronting London's Fleet Street, in a development which could be worth close to £100 million.

News International, whose chairman is Mr Rupert Murdoch, received full planning permission for the redevelopment of the Fleet Street and Bouverie Street site from the City of London Corporation this week.

All of News International's titles are now printed at Wapping, East London, leaving behind the valuable Fleet Street site. News International is likely to put the site out to competitive tender by developers in what is now a booming office market fuelled by Big Bang.

The new building will retain the existing Fleet Street frontage and create an arch through to the new seven-storey offices which could be on the market in 1989.

The top office rent achieved in the area is £32 a sq ft. But rents are rising rapidly as firms of accountants, lawyers and financial conglomerates demand larger offices which they cannot find in the Square Mile.

The *Daily Telegraph*, which has sold its printing site in Fleet Street, and other papers, such as the *Daily Mail* and the *Daily Mirror*, want to capitalize on their sites now that newspaper production is moving away from Fleet Street to London's Docklands and elsewhere.

Institutions offered shares in Sherwin Pastoral

A stake in the big country

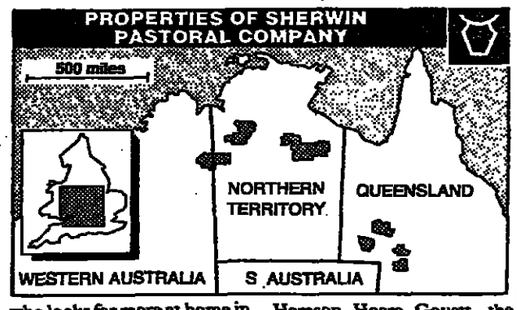
By Richard Lander

Owning a share in British Gas is one thing: buying a stake in a land mass half the size of Britain is something else entirely.

That is what is on offer to British institutions this week from the Sherwin Pastoral Company of Australia. The group owns no less than 72,605 square km (28,361 sq miles) of land in the Northern Territory and Queensland, most of it hot, dry, dusty and bounded by an endless horizon. It is the part of the world where the local doctor arrives in an aircraft and children take their lessons over the airwaves.

Of more interest to potential investors is that the land provides a home for 303,794 cattle (as of April 30, 1986) of which some 73,420 will make their way this year to the abbatoir and thence to dinner tables in Australia and overseas as lean beef.

Put simply, Sherwin is the biggest cattle business in Australia and one of the biggest in the world. It has been built up over the past 28 years by Mr Peter Sherwin, a quietly-spoken 55-year-old who looks far more at home in a cowboy hat than a businessman's suit.



Mr Sherwin prides himself on the cost-efficiency of his operation, which employs just 200 people — less than one person for every 1,500 cattle — even during the busiest time of the year.

After breakneck expansion of both land and animals, Sherwin is now raising A$50 million (£2.27m) through a public offer on the Australian stock exchanges, of which some 40 per cent is being touted to investors in the Far East, the United States and Britain through McIntosh Hamson Hoare Govett, the Australian stockbrokers.

Most of the money will be used to pay off debt that was racked up as the company built up its land bank. High interest rates have meant that payments to the bank have swallowed up most of the pretax profits in recent years. However Sherwin is forecasting pretax profits of A$16.2 million in 1987 against A$2.19 million in the 10 months to April 1986.

A rather more optimistic estimate by its brokers puts the company on a prospective price-earnings ratio of 5.6 at the $A1 offer price with a 9.5 per cent dividend yield.

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WALL STREET

New York (Agencies) – Wall Street shares were mixed in active trading as the lull in takeover activity after an insider trading case came to an end.

A new round of takeover speculation and actual bids moved to the forefront, while shares hovered modestly below the previous nights close in active trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which came within two points of the record close of 1919.71 earlier in the day, was up 0.1 to 1913 at mid-morning.

Declines led advances six to five on 38 million shares while the Standard & Poor's 500-share index was up 0.05 at 235.97.

Colgate rose 3¾ to 44 with traders saying that shares had risen in sympathy with the takeover bid received by Chesebrough.

Borg Warner, which received a takeover bid from investor Mr Irwin Jacobs, rose 1¾ to 39⅞.

Michael David, 28, the former Paul, Weiss, Riskind, Wharton & Garrison associate at the center of the so called "Yuppie Five" insider trading case, changed his plea to guilty to charges of conspiracy, securities fraud, mail fraud and obstruction of justice. He could be jailed for 20 years.

	Nov 25	Nov 24
AMR	58⅝	57⅞
ASA	35¼	34⅞
Allied Signal	41¼	41
Allied Strs	63⅝	63⅜
Allis Chlmrs	2⅜	2⅜
Alcoa	34⅝	35⅛
Amax Inc	12½	12⅝
Am'rda Hs	22⅜	22½
Am Brands	44¼	43⅞
Am Can	86	86⅝
Am Cynm'd	81⅝	81⅛
Am El Pwr	29⅞	29⅞
Am Express	57½	57⅜
Am Home	79¼	78
Am Motors	3⅜	3⅜
Am St'nrd	42⅝	42⅞
Am Teleph	27⅞	27⅞
Amoco	68⅝	68
Armco Steel	5⅜	4⅞
Asarco	14⅞	14⅞
Ashland Oil	56¼	58
At Richfield	59⅜	60⅝
Avon Prods	29⅝	29⅝
Bkrs Tst NY	43⅝	42⅞
Bankamer	15⅝	15⅝
Bk of Bston	42⅝	42½
Bank of NY	37⅝	37⅝
Beth Steel	5	5¼
Boeing	50½	51⅝
Bse Cascde	61	60⅝
Brden	51	50⅝
Bg Warner	37⅝	35⅝
Brist Myers	79⅝	79⅝
BP	39⅜	39⅞
Burl'ton Ind	39½	39⅞
Burl'ton Ntn	61	61⅞
Burroughs	n/a	80⅜
Cmpbell Sp	59¼	59⅝
Can Pacific	11½	11⅜
Caterpiller	39⅝	39⅞
Celanese	240½	240⅝
Central SW	35	34⅞
Champion	33¼	33⅞
Chase Man	36½	36⅝
Chm Bk NY	44⅞	44½
Chevron	46⅝	47⅝
Chrysler	39⅞	38⅝
Citicorp	50⅝	51½
Clark Equip	21	20
Coca Cola	35⅜	35⅝
Colgate	40⅞	40⅞
CBS	135¼	134¼
C'mbia Gas	44⅝	44½
Cmb'tn Eng	33	33⅞
Comwlth Ed	34	34⅞
Cons Edis	49¼	49⅝
Cn Nat Gas	33⅝	32⅞
Cons Power	16	16⅜
Cntrl Data	25⅞	25½
Corning Gl	54⅝	54½
CPC Intl	77⅝	76
Crane	36⅞	36⅝
Curtiss Wrt	53⅞	53⅞
Dart & Kraft	54⅞	54⅞
Deere	23⅞	23⅝
Delta Air	48⅜	49⅞
Detroit Ed	17⅝	18
Digital Eq	105½	105⅜
Disney	43⅝	43⅞
Dow Chem	58½	59
Dresser Ind	19½	19⅝
Duke Power	48⅞	48⅝
Du Pont	89⅞	90
Eastern Air	9⅛	8⅝
Estm Kodak	68⅞	68⅝
Eaton Corp	77	75⅞
Emerson El	87⅝	86⅞
Exxon Corp	69⅝	69⅞
Fed Dpt Sts	86⅝	84⅞

	Nov 25	Nov 24
Firestone	27⅞	27⅞
Fst Chicago	31¼	31⅞
Fst Int Bncp	53½	53⅜
Fst Penn C	9⅝	9½
Ford	59⅝	59⅝
FT Wachva	36½	36⅝
GAF Corp	40	39½
GTE Corp	59½	59
Gen Corp	78⅜	79⅝
Gen Dy'mcs	73	72⅞
Gen Electric	83⅝	80⅞
Gen Inst	17⅝	17⅝
Gen Mills	43⅞	42
Gen Motors	73⅝	73⅞
Gn Pb Ut ny	23⅝	23½
Genesco	3½	3⅝
Georgia Pac	39⅝	39¼
Gillete	46⅞	45⅝
Goodrich	44⅝	44⅝
Goodyear	43	41⅞
Gould Inc	18⅝	18⅝
Grace	51⅞	52⅜
Gt Atl & Tac	24⅞	25
Gr'hnd	32⅝	32½
Gruman Cor	28	28
Gulf & West	66½	65¼
Heinz H.J.	41⅝	41⅝
Hercules	58	56⅝
H'lett-Pkrd	44½	44½
Honeywell	70½	68⅝
IC Inds	25⅞	25¼
Ingersoll	56⅝	57⅝
Inland Steel	19½	19½
IBM	127	124⅝
INCO	12½	12½
Int Paper	75¼	75½
Int Tel Tel	55	54⅝
Irving Bank	49¼	49⅞
Jhnsn & Jhn	69⅝	70¼
Kaiser Alum	15⅜	15½
Kerr McGee	29½	29⅝
Kmb'ly Clrk	81⅛	81⅝
K Mart	49⅝	50⅜
Kroger	31⅝	30⅝
L.T.V. Corp	1⅜	1⅜
Litton	80	80½
Lockheed	53⅜	50¼
Lucky Strs	30⅞	32⅝
Man H'nver	45⅜	45½
Manville Cp	2⅝	2⅝
Mapco	55½	54⅝
Marine Mid	46¼	46
Mrt Marietta	41⅝	42⅝
Masco	27⅝	27⅝
McDonalds	64½	64⅝
McDonnell	79⅝	79½
Mead	58½	57⅜
Merck	110¼	111½
Minsta Mng	113¼	112½
Mobil Oil	38⅜	39⅜
Monsanto	78⅝	78
Morgan J.P.	85⅝	84½
Motorola	38⅝	37½
NCR Corp	48⅞	46⅞
NL Indstrs	4⅜	4⅝
Nat Distlrs	45½	44¾
Nat Med Ent	25½	25⅝
Nat Smcndt	11½	11⅜
Norfolk Sth	85⅝	85⅝
NW Bancrp	39⅛	38½
Occidnt Pet	28	28⅝
Ogden	46	45⅞
Olin Corp	44	43
Owens-Ill	47½	45¼
Pac Gas El	25⅝	25⅝
Pan Am	5½	5½
Penney J.C.	81⅞	80⅞
Pennzoil	71⅝	71½
Pepsico	27½	28⅝

	Nov 25	Nov 24
Pfizer	62¼	62½
Phelps Dge	20⅝	20⅞
Philip Mrs	71⅝	70⅝
Phillips Pet	11	11
Polaroid	70⅝	71⅛
PPG Ind	72½	70⅝
Prctr Gmbl	77⅝	78
Pb S E & G	42⅜	43
Raytheon	66⅝	68
Rynlds Met	44⅞	45¼
Rockwell Int	43¼	43⅝
Royal Dutch	91⅝	92
Saleways	61⅝	61⅝
Sara Lee	69⅝	69⅞
SFE Sopac	33⅞	33½
Schl'berger	32⅝	32⅝
Scott Paper	63⅝	63¼
Seagram	63½	63
Sears Rbck	43⅜	43⅜
Shell Trans	54½	54⅞
Singer	40	40⅞
Smthkln Bk	86¼	86⅞
Sony	22⅝	22⅞
Stn Cal Ed	35⅛	35⅞
S'Wstn Bell	111⅜	111
Std Oil	49⅝	49½
Sterling Drg	44⅞	44⅞
Stevens JP	35	35⅝
Sun Comp	57¼	57⅝
Teledyne	320⅜	319⅝
Tenneco	39	39⅝
Texaco	34¼	34⅞
Texas E Cor	30⅞	30⅝
Texas Inst	118⅝	120
Texas Utils	33⅞	34½
Textron	64⅝	64
Travlrs Cor	45⅝	45
TRW Inc	93¼	93⅞
UAL Inc	59⅜	58
Unilever NV	225	223¼
Un Carbide	22⅝	22½
Un Pac Cor	63⅝	64
Utd Brands	35⅜	34½
USG Corp	43¼	41⅞
Utd Technol	45	45
USX Corp	20	20¼
Unocal	25¼	26¼
Jim Walter	47½	47⅝
Wrner Lmbt	56⅝	57
Wells Fargo	106½	108⅝
W'stghse El	59⅝	59½
Weyerh'ser	39¼	40½
Whirlpool	70⅝	69
Woolworth	44	43
Xerox Corp	59⅝	59⅝
Zenith	21	21¼

CANADIAN PRICES

	Nov 25	Nov 24
Agnco Eag	26⅞	25⅝
Alcn Alum	43⅝	43½
Algoma Stl	11½	11½
Can Pacific	15⅝	15⅝
Cominco	13⅝	13⅝
Con Bathrst	28	27⅞
Hkr/Sid Can	27	27⅞
Hdsn B Mln	23⅜	23⅞
Imasco	33¼	33½
Imperial Oil	47	47⅝
In Pipe	39⅝	39⅝
Ryl Trustco	29½	29⅝
Seagram	87⅝	87½
Steel Co	19½	19⅝
Thmsn N 'A'	28½	28½
Varity Corp	2.66	2.70
WCT	13	13⅝
Weston	30⅞	30⅞

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'Little cost' in closing N-plants

By Teresa Poole
Business Correspondent

More than half of Britain's 16 nuclear power stations could close over the next three years with minimal effect on electricity supply and costs, according to an independent report, published yesterday.

It says that the closing of all nuclear power stations by the year 2000 would put up electricity costs by no more than 10 per cent and would create more jobs in the coal industry than would be lost in the nuclear power industry.

The report, commissioned by the all-party Coalfield Communities Campaign, looked at the range of options for closing nuclear power stations.

It accuses the Central Electricity Generating Board of being "misleading" in its assessment of phasing out *nuclear power.*

The report, by Mr Stephen Fothergill, lecturer in economics at Reading University, says that there was adequate spare capacity for the nine ageing Magnox power stations to be closed by *1990.*

The newer advanced gas-cooled reactors could not be *phased out over the same* timescale without fears of power cuts, but could be replaced by three coal-fired stations by the end of the century.

Phasing out nuclear power completely would demand a programme of investment in the coal industry to increase capacity by 25 million tonnesa year by the year 2000. This would create 40,000 jobs compared *with the 30,000 that* would be lost.

Extra costs to the electricity industry would arise *mainly* because of the need to bring forward investment in new power plants, the decommissioning of nuclear plants and the higher running costs of coal stations.

Mr Fothergill attacks the CEGB's own forecasts of a 50 per cent increase in generating costs as created by "bogus accounting methods and dubious assumptions."

Surplus must be cut, says minister

Channon in Japan clash

Leading Japanese businessmen gave the visiting Secretary of State for Trade and *Industry, Mr Paul Channon,* an unexpectedly rough ride in Tokyo yesterday after he told *them that Japan must show it* is serious about reducing its huge trade surplus.

Mr Channon said that Japan had to take equal responsibility with the United States and the European Community to smooth out the dangerous imbalances in world trade.

He told industrialists and financiers from Keidanren, Japan's main business federation, that Japan's promise to stimulate its economy through domestic-led growth and not exports was welcome but that there had to be action on it.

But Mr Eishiro Saito, chairman of Keidanren, fresh from a European tour and personal meeting with the Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, said that Japanese progress in opening its markets appeared slow only to an outsider.

Paul Channon: given a tough reception in Tokyo

Mr Akio Morita, the head of Sony, also leapt to Japan's defence. He said that recent Japanese progress had been extremely rapid.

Mr Channon said that Japan's surplus, forecast at about $90 billion (£63.4 billion) this year, was partly because of Japanese efficiency, but also because of economic and trade policies no longer appropriate to a country of Japan's *strength* and maturity.

Mr Channon cited continuing unfair Japanese taxes on wines and whisky, attempts to lock out foreign goods by imposing *unreasonable* standards and restricted access for overseas financial companies in lucrative Japanese financial markets.

He pointed out that Japanese banks had 31 per cent of international business in London while foreign banks had less than 3 per cent in Tokyo.

Mr Yoshitoki Chino, head of Daiwa Securities, compared British finance poorly with American operations in Japan. He complained that British companies did not hire enough local people and British financiers rarely spoke any Japanese.

Mr Channon ackowledged that more had to be be done, but he noted that there would be more British companies in the financial sector if Japanese licences were easier to obtain.

He warned the Japanese to take care of the reciprocity clause in Britain's new Financial Services Bill, *which* will come into force next year.

Mr Channon also noted that all countries suffered in Japan.

Broker calls for an end to 'soft option' board jobs

By Cliff Feltham

A demand for non-executive directors to play a more active role in the affairs of investment trusts is made in a report on the sector by Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, the broker.

It says: "There are still, unfortunately, a number of groups where the day-to-day managers in the front line find their expertise is limited by boards which are not *au fait* with the realities of the present day investment trust sector."

The report – the *Investment Trust Companies Yearbook,* published today – claims that the highly competitive post-*Big Bang era* will bring greater pressures to improve performance on investment trust managers.

It says that they must be free to make decisions without being held back by boards largely composed of inexperienced non-executive directors who consider their jobs a "soft option."

Mr Ted Sellers, an analyst, says: "The days of the old-style *non-executive* director who travelled up to town once every three months with very little idea of what was happening in the investment trust movement should be gone forever."

His report also predicts takeover bids for investment trust companies by American groups.

"The influx of the very large American groups into the UK markets leads to a conclusion *that it is only a question of* time before they seek to augment both their assets base and their influence by bidding for trusts."

Stone Int expects £2m loss

By Our City Staff

Stone International expects to make a pretax loss of £2 million in the six months to November 30, but a profit of £5 million in the second half.

The main reason for the first-half loss is attributed to problems with a large export order at the British transport division in Crawley, Sussex.

Stone says the problem has been resolved and deliveries under the contract will be completed before this financial year ends.

The British boiler business had less orders, caused by the fall in oil prices. In the second half its performance will be improved by increased production of pressure vessels. At present, these account for half the order book.

Stone Johnson, in Michigan, was hit by a six-week strike which resulted in losses of £500,000.

The group expects to maintain its interim and final dividends.

Barclays launches export schemes

Competition to provide short-term export finance yesterday prompted Barclays Bank to launch a new range of short-term export finance schemes.

The Tradeline and Tradeflow packages are designed to replace the Export Credits Guarantee Department's Comprehensive Bank Guarantee which is to be phased out by next October.

The schemes give the exporter non-recourse 100 per cent finance on credit terms of up to 180 days, backed either by an ECGD short-term insurance policy or by Barclays' own ECGD policy.

Since the decision last year to abolish the ECGD's scheme, many banks and specialist companies have introduced their own products.

Barclays is stepping up its attempts to take a larger share of export trade. For the first time it will market its finance packages through branches around the country, backed up by the 20 international services branches.

PROPERTY

ABPH sets its sights on land

Associated British Ports Holdings, the docks company which was privatized in 1983, is intent on transforming its enormous land holdings into profit earners to boost its earnings per share.

Sir Keith Stuart, the chairman of ABPH, is keen to exploit the potential of his 2,500 acres of developable land, a process which has been under way since privatization swept aside restrictions on the ports, opening the way for property development.

But, he says: "I don't know when or whether property will equate to or exceed profits from the ports services. Property will become more important but I do not regard the ports as over-mature in growth terms."

The latest step in the evolution of ABPH from the nationalized British Transport Docks Board has been to make an all-share bid for Grosvenor Square Properties, a USM-quoted company set up Mr Paul Marber, formerly at Hammerson Property and Investment, one of Britain's largest developers.

Grosvenor Square met the ports services company's criteria: it has a hefty development programme for a company worth about £15 million and gives ABPH the in-house property development expertise it does not have.

ABPH's all-share offer looks to be at a high premium to Grosvenor Square's *last* stated net asset value of 54p per share. But the real asset *value is nearer the offer price,* which valued Grosvenor Square's shares at 120p each on the night before the bid was made public.

ABPH, which is in the fortunate position of having a healthy income stream from the ports services and being ail geared, would re-finance some of Grosvenor Square's expensive borrowings. The property company's portfolio comprises £35 million of schemes forward-funded with institutions.

Limited recourse loans exist on *£15 million of the portfolio,* including one of its high profile schemes, the re-*development* of the London Pavilion in Piccadilly Circus with Kennedy Brookes, the restaurant chain.

Sir Keith Stuart: 'property will become more important'

Grosvenor Square's office development at Marylebone Road is under offer.

"Normally we sell as soon as the ink is dry on the lease," Mr Marber said, "but now we will have the time to consider what to do with developments."

That is certainly a view shared by Sir Keith: "Our cash flow is so strong that we don't need to sell land and developments. We can take the long view."

ABPH's share price has increased by five times since the flotation and earnings per share will be improved by the property arm and by increasing profitability from the ports services, which Sir Keith says will continue to play the mainpart in the company's activities.

Judith Huntley
Commercial Property Correspondent

COMPANY NEWS

● **TR TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT TRUST:** Figures for six months to September 30 in £000. Interim 0.5p (same), pay January 2. Income from fixed asset investments franked was 2,034 (1,949), unfranked was 2,451 (2,907). *Other* interest receivable and similar income: bank interest 859 (922), underwriting commission 20 (32), interest payable debenture 25 (25), bank currency loans 1,341 (1,674), administration 588 (450), revenue before tax 3,428 (3,680), corporation tax 511 (657), imputed tax on franked income 595 (584), earnings per share 1.04p (1.09p). Net asset value of ordinary shares after deducting prior charges are at par 148.4p (111.9p). The company says that investments in the US at September 30 represented 42 per cent of the total portfolio but exposure to *the dollar was only* 37 per cent. However, since the end of the half year, $12m of borrowings had been repaid increasing the fund's exposure to the dollar to 39 per cent.

● **SEKERS INTERNATIOAL:** *Figures for* six ix months to September 30 in £000. Interim 0.9p (0.85p), aggregate value of sales to customers outside the group were *10,097 (9.741)* while operating profits rose to 962 (911). Interest paid 240 (280), profit before tax was 722 (631), tax was 252 (259), profit attributed was 470 (372), earnings per share 4.80p (3.80p). The board *remains confident* about the outcome for the full year.

● **REXMORE:** Interim dividend 0.44p (0.4p). The Six months to September 27 with figures in £000. Turnover increased to 16,639 (13,990) on operating *profits of 697 (612).* Pretax profits was 398 (314), tax was 67 (31), earnings per share was 2.6p (2.17p). The board has increased the interim dividend and will review the final payment in the light of the results for the year as a whole.

● **FLEMING UNIVERSAL TRUST:** Results for six months to September 30 in pounds. The Directors anticipate that the final results for the year to March 31 1987 will not be less than 0.90p making 1.50p for the year. Gross income from franked dividends was 278,300 (348,185), while for unfranked dividends it was 747,093 (839,624), tax was 305,526 (473,872), preferential dividend was 17,850 (17,850), revenue available 596,557 (780,004), earnings per share 0.91p (1.19p adj). The 1985 figures have been *adjusted to reflect* a capitalisation issue in July of two new ordinary shares for each share held.

● **AUSTWHIM RESOURCES:** Profit Aus$1.011 million (1.6 cents a share) for quarter to September 30 on gold production of 6,151 oz. Profit for nine months Aus$1.713 million from production of 12,128 oz.

● **BOM HOLDINGS:** Of the £1,013,178 of 3 per cent second mortgage convertible debenture stock 1989 offered by way of rights £697,903 (68.89 per cent of the issue) has been taken up. Applications for excess have been received from holders of £1,886,932 of stock.

● **MONK INVESTMENT TRUST:** Interim dividend 1.1p (same). Total dividend will not be less than 2.6p. Figures in £000 for six months to October 31. Gross investment income 2,282 (1,696), income from investment and interest receivable 2,209 (1,692), other income 73 (4), *revenue before tax* 1,934 (1,401), tax 622 (486), earnings per share 1.69p (1.18). Net asset value 286.4p (258.2).

● **MAITLAND MINING:** The company will not go ahead with the partial takeover bid for Southern Resources.

● **PETROCON GROUP:** Of the 6,207,173 ordinary shares of 12 1-2p offered by way of rights *5,974,446 shares (96.25 per* cent) have been taken up.

● **GOVETT ATLANTIC INVESTMENT TRUST:** Final dividend 1.9p, making 3p (2.8) for year to October 31.

● **SCOTT GREENHAM GROUP:** *The company has* acquired the business of Farmer Cabines from the receiver of S W Farmer for more than £800,000 cash.

● **NORCROS:** The company announces the merger of *Butterley Engineering* and John Smith (Keighley). The new company will trade as Butterley Engineering.

● **AMAX:** The company has completed the acquisition of the outstanding common stock interest *in Alumax which it did* not already own and which was held by Mitsui and Co (USA) and Nippon Steel (USA).

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.00%
Adam & Company	11.00%
BCCI	11.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	11.00%
Co-operative Bank	11.00%
C. Hoare & Co	11.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.00%
LLoyds Bank	11.00%
Nat Westminster	11.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	11.00%
TSB	11.00%
Citibank NA	11.00%

† *Mortgage Base Rate.*

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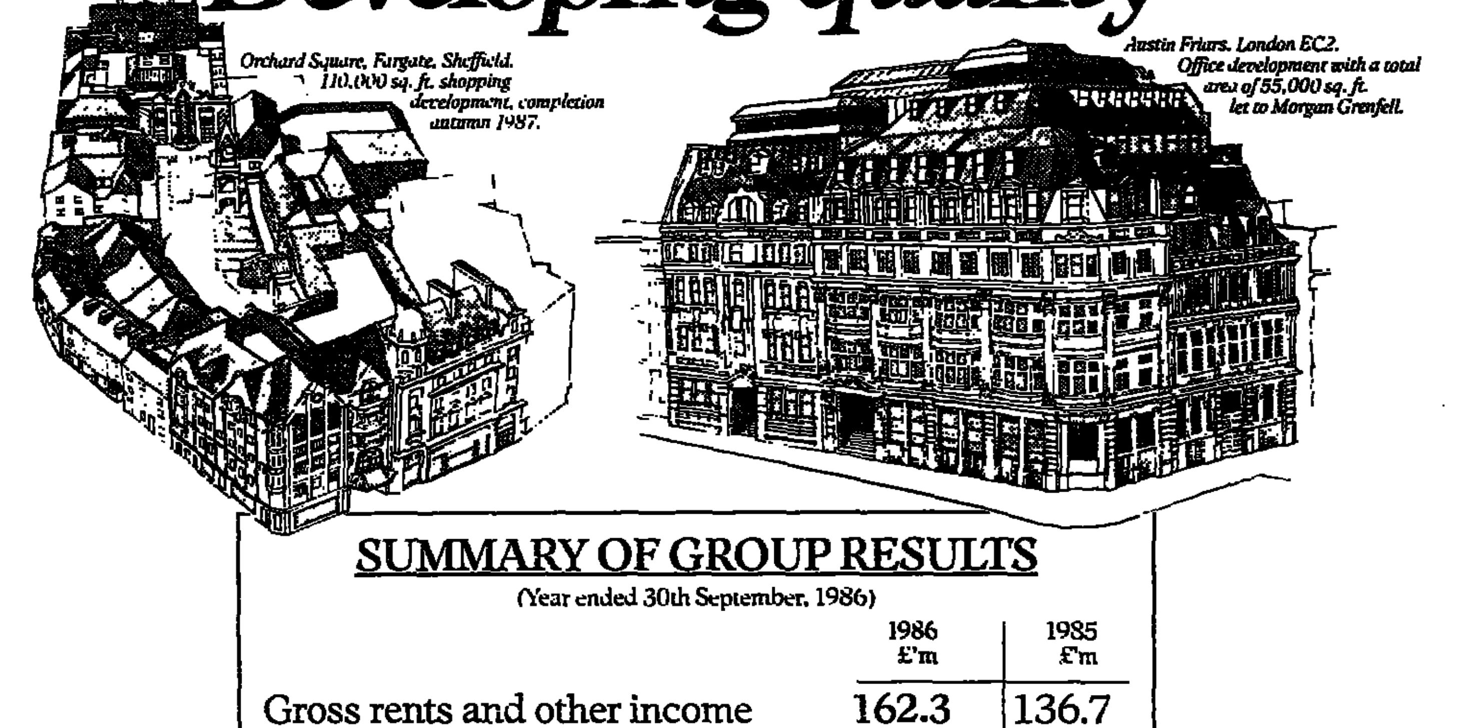

SUMMARY OF GROUP RESULTS
(Year ended 30th September, 1986)

	1986 £'m	1985 £'m
Gross rents and other income	162.3	136.7
Profit before taxation	58.4	51.6
Taxation	19.1	17.9
Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders	39.2	33.2
Earnings per ordinary share	16.3p	15.6p
Net dividends per share	11.5p	10.5p
Net assets per share diluted	440p	415p

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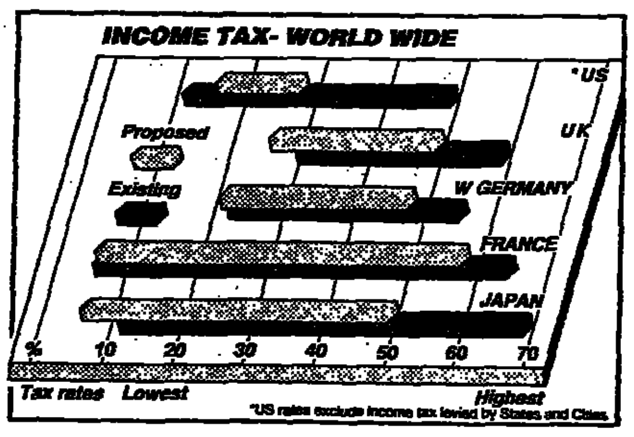
(ECONOMIC VIEW)

How Britain can regain first place in the tax reform game

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor



Mrs Thatcher last week commented that Britain has to compete with other countries for skilled personnel not only on salaries, laboratory facilities and the Tower of London, but also on its tax rates.

She was talking about the top rate of income tax, which she would like to bring down from 60 to 50 per cent. But the same is true of many other aspects of the tax system.

Multinational companies have always located their operations partly with an eye to the rate of tax on profits. More generally, a country with a relatively simple, non-distortionary personal tax system, which favours incentives rather than social engineering, may be a more attractive place in which to do business than a country where rates are high and some economic activities are favoured at the expense of others.

The world is presently witnessing an astonishing epidemic of interest in tax reform.

In addition to the significant reforms recently passed into law in the United States, West Germany is preparing a package of tax cuts for implementation after the election, France is in the process of removing its two top rates of income tax, the Japanese government is considering the report of a government advisory committee recommending far-reaching changes, Canada is wondering how best to match the change in the US regime, both Australia and New Zealand have introduced a form of VAT, Denmark and Norway are bringing down their top rates, and even Ireland shows signs of beginning to consider seriously the recommendations of its long-standing committee on tax reform.

Our own Government must clearly ask itself what implications the radical changes in tax regimes overseas hold for its own ambitions in the tax reform area. In particular, is it still right to spend most of any scope for tax cuts on implementing the reform of family taxation?

Most of the tax reform proposals have some common themes. They seek to cut income tax rates and to finance this by widening the base over which tax is charged and by extending sales taxes like VAT.

In the US, for instance, the new structure reduces 14 separate rates ranging from 11 to 50 per cent to only two of 15 per cent and 28 per cent. As Mrs Thatcher has remarked, this brings the top rate of federal tax in the US down below the basic rate in Britain, but the comparison is misleading as it excludes income taxes levied by the states — 44 out of the 51 states of the union add anything up to 14 per cent on top of federal income tax. A few cities levy income tax too, so people living in New York, for instance, pay not only federal income tax but income tax to New York State and to New York City as well.

The conjuring trick of cutting tax rates without seriously increasing the deficit is performed by removing many tax exemptions and switching $120 billion (£84.5 billion) of the tax burden from individuals to companies.

Some of the principal allowances being eliminated are:

- interest on personal borrowing;
- state and local sales taxes;
- the first $100 of dividends;
- two-earner married couples who received a 10 per cent deduction;
- losses from passive tax shelters except against other passive income;
- payments on Individual Retirement Accounts for higher rate payers unless not covered by occupational schemes; and
- 100 per cent of business meals and entertainment expenses, which in future relief will be limited to 80 per cent.

Mortgage interest relief on both first and second homes stays, but for the wealthy a minimum tax of 21 per cent is introduced to limit the efficacy of tax shelters. The effective tax rate on long-term capital gains is raised from 20 to 28 per cent.

Reform proposals in other countries, being less advanced, are not as well defined — at any rate in public. The West German government has proposed income tax cuts of DM20-DM30 billion (£7-£10 billion) in 1988. Although no details are being formally revealed ahead of the election on January 25, Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the Minister of Finance, has made little secret that in his view the framework should be:

- a cut in the top rate of income tax from 56 per cent to about 48 per cent
- a cut in the bottom rate from 22 to 20 per cent;
- a partial offset by lowering tax subsidies to industry; and
- the balance of the cost to be offset by higher excise duties on petrol and tobacco.

The Japanese government is now mulling over the report of an advisory committee, which proposes:

- a cut in the top rate of income tax from 70 to 50 per cent;
- halving the bottom rate from 10.5 to 5 per cent;
- abolishing relief on interest for small savers;
- introducing capital gains tax; and
- introducing VAT.

The finance Bill now going through the French Parliament provides for the abolition of the top two tax rates of 65 per cent and 60 per cent and a new top rate of 58 per cent.

The British Government has already reduced both the top rate and the basic rate and removed some of the exemptions, such as life assurance premium relief, while widening the VAT base. All these are tunes which are now being played in other countries, but in Britain the process of reform has been brought almost to a standstill by election commitments and the pressures of lobbyists.

These developments overseas have perhaps four implications for Britain.

First, the case for taxes on spending rather than income is strengthening rather than weakening. Countries without VAT or its equivalent are considering introducing one, and where they have done so, as in New Zealand, they are levying it over a very broad range of goods, including food and children's clothing.

Second, although there are still very large exemptions for specific types of saving, such as mortgage interest relief on housing in the US, the thrust of most reforms is to tax savings. Neutral treatment of savings can be achieved either by taxing them all equally or not at all. Bringing them into tax argues for the Lawson mark one approach of removing exemptions on savings rather than adding to them.

Third, there is some case on grounds of international competitiveness for reducing the top rate of income tax further — mainly in relation to the US. The removal of higher rate relief on mortgage interest and/or a minimum tax to smoke the wealthy out of their tax shelters could be justified by reference to reforms overseas.

Finally, although the basic rate extends over a much larger proportion of the population in Britain than elsewhere, it does represent a higher starting point for tax than in practically all competitor countries. Reducing it ought to have first call on any resources available for tax cuts.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Courtaulds may be set to come out fighting

The Courtaulds story — Seven Lean Years — has still to be written but in essence it has three remarkable themes: the herculean labour of removing the dross in the legacy of Lord Kearton and Sir Arthur Knight; the reshaping and reinforcing of the valuable businesses that were also part of the legacy; and the halving of a labour force of 120,000.

Preferring, wisely, to tackle these huge tasks with the minimum of publicity, Sir Christopher Hogg and his management team have done an incredible job. It may look as if turnover has been static and that the improvement in profitablity has come by squeezing more out of the same old businesses. In reality, Courtaulds has dropped around £500 million of turnover since 1979 and replaced it with other sources of business in mainly higher quality, less volatile areas.

The time has come to push up the periscope and look ahead. The significance of the creation last month of an executive committee comprising four board members, including the chairman, to study performance and the future of the group should not be missed.

To make an acqusition because the market wants it is obviously not sound business practice if the facts dictate otherwise. Nevertheless, the psychological effect internally and externally of Courtaulds taking a more aggressive approach could be dramatic.

Three years ago, the group raised more than £70 million by way of a rights issue, mainly with the view to expanding in the United States. An opportunity failed to materialise but there are rumours that Courtaulds may be about to buy the acryllic business of the US company, Cyanamid.

With gearing set to fall to below 9 per cent of shareholders' funds this year, there is plenty of scope for Courtaulds to look for something sizeable. In the meantime, the boost from lower raw material and energy costs will make it possible for the group to make next year's profits this year. Analysts are raising their forecasts by more than 10 per cent to £185 million and are looking for £205 million in 1987-88. On a p/e ratio of 8.9 times this year's earnings, falling to 8.3 times next year's, the shares are still on a pityfully small rating given the very interesting stage the group has reached.

Words and actions

The taskforce set up by the CBI to work out a new relationship between the City and industry certainly starts with a powerful cast. This is particularly true of members drawn from the City. The industrialists, while no less distinguished, tend to come from companies that have been the subject of bid scares or whose own plans have been thwarted by the professional takeover raiders.

The terms of reference have been drawn widely to avoid casting aspersions at the City. But if anything is to be achieved, the formative element will be the taskforce's three-part review of long-term measures of company performance, communications between the City and industry and the relationship between pension and insurance funds and the industrial companies whose share registers they dominate.

Of these, the first two are unlikely to change much. The spectacle of City manouevring that has overwhelmed AE is one pointer. The engineering group has done as much as it could to establish good relations with big shareholders — and performed well — since a takeover scare a few years ago. But that did not help it.

If there is to be any significant change in relationships it will come through formal changes in the position of big institutional shareholders rather than from spontaneous enlightenment. That would need to come from a complete reassessment of the boardroom power and voting power of big blocks of shares held by the institutions. If that issue is ducked, the taskforce will produce only fine words and good intentions. And, under the pressures now building in the City, those will change nothing.

NIESR rampant

The National Institute for Economic and Social Research, the ghost of economics past during Mrs Thatcher's time in office, is sticking firmly to its guns. Not only will there be a £5.6 billion current account deficit next year, but an even bigger one, £7.2 billion, in 1988.

For invisibles to come to the rescue indefinitely, as they did at the Treasury's behest this week, a regular dose of sterling weakness would be required.

This is a theme of some helpful projections in the *National Institute Economic Review* on the economic consequences of continued Lawsonomics, versus the efforts of "shadow" Roy Hattersley. The results are bad under the Conservatives, worse under Labour.

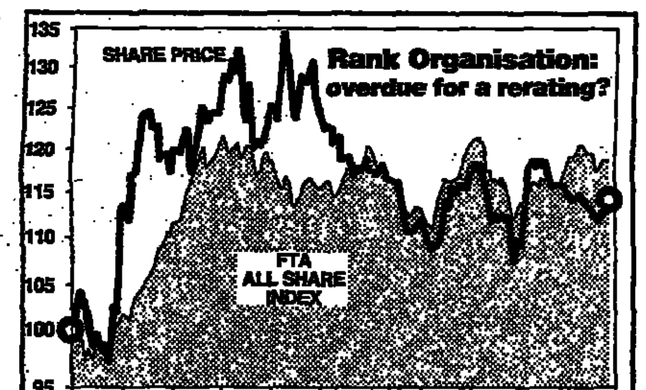
On these medium term projections, the Government will be faced with current account deficits in the £3-5 billion range in the medium-term even if it eschews tax cuts and holds sterling up. Letting sterling go would carry the penalty of substantially higher inflation than the 5-6 per cent rate projected for the medium term.

Labour's extra public spending results in a speedy rise in inflation to 10 per cent and more, and quickly takes the deficits on current account up to £10 billion, which the Institute says modestly may not be sustainable.

(STOCK MARKET REPORT)

£300m computer program fuels a sharp advance

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard



A £300 million computer-inspired buying and selling program at the Post Office Pension Fund revived a flagging equity market yesterday and sent leading shares racing away.

Computers are being used increasingly to advise fund managers when to buy and sell stocks and when to switch from one sector to another. Yesterday the Post Office Pension Fund's computer was telling its fund managers to dump some of their secondliner stocks and to switch to the more prestigious Alpha and Beta ones.

James Capel, the broker, was given the task of carrying out the business. It found little difficulty in bidding for the stock on offer and placing it around the market, but it may have run into a few problems picking up shares for the PO in a thin market.

Some of the leaders for which Capel was thought to be bidding included Associated **British Foods**, up 12p at 330p, **Bass** 5p dearer at 740p after 745p, **Beecham** up 7p to 420p with nearly 2 million shares traded, **Glaxo** up 10p to 905p, **Rowntree Mackintosh** up 11p to 421p and **Wellcome** 11p higher at 216p.

● Watch Wills Group, up 15p to 160p during the past couple of days. Highbury Investments, a little-known Australian concern, yesterday revealed a 6.02 per cent holding and James Capel, the broker, has also been buying. The company has just appointed County Securities, as its adviser, and other changes are in store.

But the Post Office foray into the market gave a distorted view. Turnover elsewhere remained at a low ebb with the bulk of investors' money still tied up with the £5.6 billion British Gas flotation.

Late excitement in the gilt-edged market yesterday — prices were moving ahead strongly after hours — was caused by renewed hopes of lower West German rates.

Earlier this week the five German institutes saw no real growth between the second and third quarters and real growth of less than 2.5 per cent in the whole of 1986. The feeling is that, faced with such sluggishness, the Bundesbank, due to meet next Thursday, will cut the discount rate, fuelling hopes of lower base rates here.

There was early confusion for investors after another breakdown in the Stock Exchange price information service, and this resulted in a number of market-makers putting hundreds of rogue prices into the system.

This brought some wild fluctuations in prices. Many of them proved too fanciful and were quickly spotted, but some were close enough to fool even the experts. Fortunately, business was quiet enough for corrections to be quickly made.

By the close the FT 30-share index was 15.9 up at 1,286.3, while the lead on the FT-SE 100 was limited to 13.7 at 1,633.0, indicating that most of the turnover had been restricted to the leaders.

Among other blue chips **ICI** jumped 15p to 1070p, **Hawker** 18p to 435p after a seminar for fund managers in Edinburgh, **Lucas** 4p to 462p, **Thorn EMI** 3p to 477p, **Hanson** 3p to 200p, **BTR** 2p to 280p and **Boots** 5p at 232p, with more than nine million shares changing hands on renewed bid speculation.

Vickers headed the other way, dipping 17p to 373p, and **Allied-Lyons** eased 1p to 312p.

Partly-paid 50p shares in **British Gas** drifted back to a middle price of 59½p in the unofficial grey market, a premium of 9½p, while **Geest**, the banana importer, which begins dealings today, were trading at 149p, a 24p premium to the 125p issue price.

Vaux Brewery, one of the few remaining independent brewing firms, was once again a favourite stock for takeover speculators, leaping 62½p to 472½p in late trade.

Guinness Peat, where Friends Provident still has the 24 per cent stake it acquired along with UKPI earlier this year, jumped 8p to 97p as a buzz went round the market late that the holding may today change hands.

According to market sources any such deal is likely to result in a full bid, with the takeout price estimated at 120p a share.

But speculation that the suitor is British and Commonwealth Shipping, where Mr John Gunn is chairman, is incorrect.

"There's no truth in it," says Mr Gunn, who also denies that he is interested in acquiring the 24 per cent stake.

"We're not really a machine for gobbling up companies, you know," says Mr Gunn. "We've got enough on our plate at the moment. The Exco deal has doubled the size of the company and it won't be completed until the end of January."

Hillsdown Holdings, the fast-growing Fresh-Lay eggs to furniture group, jumped 7p to 210p, ahead of a 25-page glossy, colour research brochure on the company being published later this week by de Zoete and Bevan, the broking arm of Barclays de Zoete Wedd. It is expected to be extremely bullish.

Rank Organisation, the diverse leisure group, gained 15p to 514p after heavy buying by Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank. The stock has made up a lot of lost ground over the past couple of weeks, after the arrival at Morgan of Mr Richard Harwood, who is acknowledged as the leading Rank expert in the City.

● A mystery American buyer has built a near 5 per cent holding in Argyle Trust, the life insurance and second mortgage company where Mr Nick Oppenheim, the Tranwood chairman, has a 17 per cent stake. Mr Oppenheim, who rescued Argyle in 1980, refuses to comment. Expect further developments soon.

Mr Harwood left Scott-Goff, the broker, two months ago.

The market is also looking for an early bid for **Thermax Holdings**, the USM-quoted manufacturer of toughened glass, where Mr David Abell's Suter has been building up a sizeable holding.

He announced yesterday that Suter had bought an extra 354,000 shares, taking its total holding to 3.14 million shares, or 27.07 per cent.

ALPHA STOCKS

These prices are as at 6.45pm

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer		Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E	Volume traded '000
363	283	Allied-Lyons	310	315		..	14.5	4.6	14.3	1,200
174	126	ASDA-MFI	150	154		..	4.5	3.0	16.6	3,000
483	277	BTR	278	283		+1	9.8	3.5	19.6	5,400
491	361	BAT	453	458		+3	18.4	4.0	11.9	1,600
572	449	Barclays	468	475		−7	28.1	6.0	6.8	1,000
840	680	Bass	735	745		+5	21.7	2.9	15.7	283
450	356	Beecham	417	422	●	+7	17.1	4.1	17.4	1,700
726	526	Blue Circle	643	648		+5	30.0	4.6	9.2	234
383	293	BOC	335	338		+11	14.1	4.2	12.8	807
289	170	Boots	230	233	●	+5	10.6	4.6	15.1	9,300
606	423	Br Aerospace	497	502		+9	23.4	4.7	10.5	2,000
709	530	Br Petroleum	682	687		−4	48.6	7.1	7.5	3,900
280	177½	Br Telecom	196	200		+4	10.7	5.4	11.6	10,000
193	96	Britoil	153	155		+3	9.3	6.0	4.1	5,900
354	256	Burton	266	270		−6	8.1	3.0	15.1	2,100
369	277	Cable & Wireless	318	325		+2	7.2	2.2	17.6	2,700
196	158	Cadbury Schweppes	177	180		−13	8.7	4.9	20.9	563
336	257	Com Union	258	261		+2	17.4	6.7	..	1,600
704	409	Cons Goldfields	666	673	●	+48	35.0	5.2	19.1	726
330	252	Courtaulds	323	326		+6	9.3	2.9	11.0	9,600
438	318	Dixons Grp	326	330		+6	4.3	1.3	23.3	2,100
650	408	Fisons	553	558	●	−10	8.4	1.5	24.7	313
954	701	Gen Accident	800	807	●	+2	34.3	4.3	20.2	73
226	159	GEC	184	186		+4	6.1	3.3	11.6	5,300
11¼	756½	Glaxo	900	910		−15	20.0	2.2	18.9	1,800
462	328	Grand Met	458	463		+19	13.5	2.9	15.6	2,200
11½	721	GUS 'A	10⅝	10¾	●	+¼	30.0	2.9	14.2	239
954	720	GRE	760	767	●	..	42.5	5.6	22.1	98
395	235	GKN	270	273	●	+7	17.9	6.6	9.1	3,600
356	275	Guinness	327	332		+15	10.3	3.1	12.5	1,700
216½	141	Hanson	199	201		−12	5.7	2.9	17.8	9,600
623	403	Hawker Siddley	432	438	●	−2	21.4	4.9	9.6	1,800

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer		Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E	
11⅛	734	Imp Chem Ind	10⅝	10¾		..	48.6	4.5	12.0	1,200
583	335	Jaguar	513	518		+13	12.7	2.5	10.7	587
391	312	Ladbroke	357	362		−6	16.8	4.7	17.2	233
348	276	Land Securities	333	338	●	+5	14.5	4.3	22.4	1,800
288	133	Legal & Gen	240	245	●	+15	12.3	5.1	31.0	427
484	293	Lloyds	425	432		..	25.0	5.8	6.9	2,500
283	183	Lonrho	233	235		..	17.1	7.3	11.5	108
231	163	Marks & Spencer	187	190	●	−5	5.8	3.1	22.6	6,000
599	417	Midland	548	555		−1	37.1	6.7	20.5	612
593	425	Nat West	498	505		+5	27.6	5.5	5.2	905
576	428	P & O Dfd	502	507	●	..	25.0	5.0	14.5	472
246	162	Plessey	168	172		+2	7.2	4.2	12.6	3,000
942	718	Prudential	810	817		+10	38.6	4.7	53.7	477
234	146	Racal Elect	170	174		+4	4.3	2.5	18.2	2,000
900	605	Reckit Colman	793	800	●	+23	23.9	3.0	17.2	2,500
582½	345	Reuters	543	548		+48	5.4	1.0	41.3	370
791	511	RTZ	665	672	●	+12	31.4	4.7	8.9	129
967	762	Royal Ins	810	817	●	+5	38.6	4.7	66.7	347
426	344	Sainsbury (J)	410	414		+18	8.4	2.0	23.8	2,000
148½	39	Sears	125½	127	●	+½	5.0	4.0	16.3	2,900
415	321	Sedgwick Gp	355	360		−3	17.1	4.8	17.1	373
970	653	Shell	943	948		+43	51.4	5.4	9.3	1,700
169	96	STC	162	165		+4	2.1	1.3	15.2	655
772	520	Sun Alliance	615	622	●	+3	27.5	4.4	55.7	271
81¼	75¾	TSB P/P	75½	76½		...	..	..	..	—
420	285	Tesco	378	380		+3	8.9	2.3	21.6	2,300
529	374	Thorn EMI	475	480		+4	25.0	5.2	35.0	1,300
349	133½	Trafalgar House	287	288		+½	18.9	6.6	7.8	1,300
209	139	Trusthouse Forte	176	178		+12	7.9	4.5	17.5	6,500
20⅝	13¼	Unilever	20¼	20⅝	●	..	60.1	2.9	18.7	193
269	216	Utd Biscuits	230	232	●	+4	13.6b	5.9	12.5	1,800

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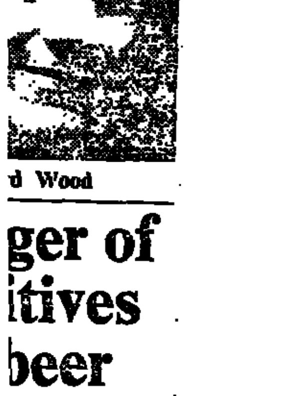
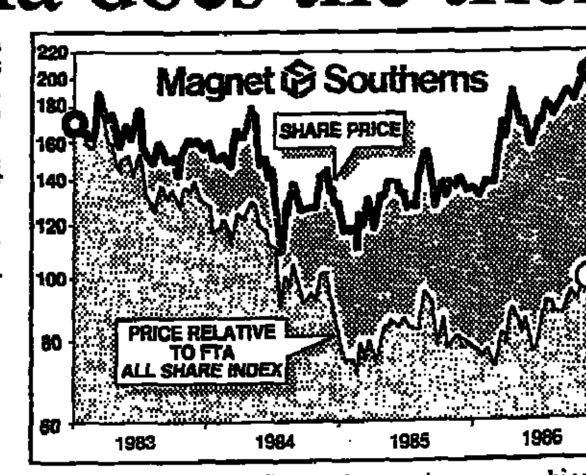


TEMPUS

Magnet chief's magic formula does the trick



Mr Tom Duxbury, chairman of Magnet & Southerns, was right to bring the interim figures forward by two months so that they could speak for themselves. In spite of a pension fund benefit of £1.6 million and a change in depreciation policy worth £0.7 million, the results were comfortably ahead of analysts' forecasts.

The magic formula, thought out by Mr Duxbury in his fallow years, was to to develop a vertically integrated group stretching from manufacturing to the end user. And it appears to be working.

There were those who treated this approach with scepticism. They believed the structure of the industry was such that Magnets' traditional trade-oriented customers would be alienated.

They feared that the move to become less of a niche operation would make it difficult to justify the group's premium rating as a specialist joinery business. Moreover, they were not convinced that the management had the skill to compete with the hard-headed DIY retailers.

In the early days the strain of this dramatic change in direction was noticeable. The trade turned its back, and the "super showroom" retail-oriented concept was not established sufficiently to make up the difference. Results, therefore, for the first half of last year were poor.

In the first half of 1986-87, however, operational gearing gained momentum and is driving the group ahead.

The showrooms, which are essentially display areas geared to serve the retail customer, were significant contributors in this improved performance. Compared to the competition they look relatively modest but they have had the effect of more than doubling stock turnover.

There are now 140 super showrooms compared with 83 at the end of 1985-86. Thirty more will be added by the end of the year. Each showroom costs about £100,000 to install, and the expence to the group, albeit capitalized, is considerable.

Prices have risen by an average 4 per cent across the group, which means most of the turnover, up by 28 per cent, came from volume gains.

A pretax profit of £45 million for the full year could be achieved. This gives earnings of 15.9p. For 1987-88, £65 million and 23.2p is a distinct possibility. However, with things as they are at the moment, this could be a moving target.

Although the shares are on a premium rating, they are beginning to show that they deserve it. The only cloud on the horizon is the possibility that the shareholders may, in time, be asked for additional funds.

Kwik Save Group

The trend towards healthy eating has proved beneficial to Kwik Save Group's profitability. The change in consumption patterns has allowed it to extend its range of goods. Kwik Save has moved away from "known value items", such as butter and sugar, which are price sensitive, towards less price sensitive items, such as low-fat spreads.

As a result, its margins widened last year from a healthy 5 per cent to 5.3 per cent. Kwik Save is a favourite customer with branded goods manufacturers because it is the last chain of any substance without own-label goods.

Wider margins and higher interest income combined to allow the group to increase its pretax profit by £17.4 million in the year to August 30. After adjustment for the previous 53 week period, turnover was up 11.8 per cent to £795 million.

Food price inflation was low, and accounted for only 2 per cent of the increase in turnover. Most of the increase came from higher turnover in stores owned for more than 12 months, at 5.8 per cent, and from new stores, at 4 per cent.

The group plans to spend £30 million this year on adding another 12 per cent to its selling space. This comes on top of the 10 per cent added last year. It will refurbish another 60 stores. By August 1987, it should have 2.7 million sq ft of selling space, including its first Kwik Save in the Greater London area. This store is due to open in February.

The first 13 weeks of the new financial year are going well, although volumes in retailing appear to be slowing down. This may be nothing more than a blip on the rising graph, but some analysts are cautious about the prospects for the sector in the short term.

This need not worry holders of Kwik Save shares. The group has a consistent record of profits growth and should make £48 million in 1986-7, giving a p/e of 12.5. This rating is below the sector average, and there are likely to be few sellers at these levels.

Ignore pay critics, IoD tells companies

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Britain's highly paid top executives deserve their big salaries and their companies should not be concerned about public criticism, the Institute of Directors says today.

In the latest of its *Guides to Boardroom Practice*, the IoD says: "A company which genuinely considers that its overall economic interests are best served by securing or retaining a particular executive, should not be deterred from fear of public criticism that the level of remuneration is excessive."

However, companies are warned against paying executives who have not reached required performance.

The IoD broadside in favour of high salaries comes after much public debate about big percentage increases being paid to senior executives at a time when government and industry is appealing to companies to pay reduced rises to other workers.

It also follows the recent disclosure that Sir Ralph Halpern, the head of the Burton Group, earned more than £1 million last year.

At a conference of the IoD next week, a report will be presented showing that the salaries of executives who receive profit-related bonuses rose by 10 per cent last year compared with only 6 per cent for directors on a basic annual salary.

The IoD says that effective systems of remuneration are an essential element in the motivation and retention of executives, and recommends that "the manner in which remuneration is paid, should be as conducive as possible to high executive performance."

APPOINTMENTS

Alpha Micro: Miss **Judith Knight** becomes director, reseller productivity.

Pettifor, Morrow & Associates: **Lord Lovell-Davis of Highgate** has been made chairman.

Brand New (Product Origination): **Mr David Molian** joins as planning director and **Ms Fiona Challis** as business development manager.

The Glacier Metal Company: **Mr Roger Williams** becomes a director.

Telecommunications Equipment Manufacturers Association: **Mr Mike Hart** is made chairman, business communications division.

Habit Precision Engineering: **Mr Stephen Swords** has been made a director.

Harrisons & Crosfield: **Mr George Paul** becomes joint chief executive with **Mr Thomas Prentice**, presently executive chairman.

Allied-Lyons: **Mr H Clifford Hatch** is made a director.

Wang Laboratories: **Dr Frederick Wang** becomes president and treasurer, **Mr Ian Diery** senior vice president, US operations, **Mr Robert Deretti** senior vice president, corporate and marketing communications, and **Mr Arend Vleggeert** vice president and general manager, European, African and Middle Eastern operations.

BET: **Mr Brian Thompson** is made chairman.

Time Products: **Mr Allan Blacher** becomes a director.

British Newspaper Printing Corporation: **Mr Alan Roe** is made chief executive.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Avis Europe (250p)	232½ -6½
BCE (38p)	43½ +1
Baker Harris Sndr (170p)	200 +6
Blenheim Exhib (95p)	141 +1
Bilston&Battersea (103p)	143
Brake Bros (125p)	152
Citygrove (100p)	98 +2
Daniel Cs (130p)	156 +1
Gordon Russell (190p)	206
Great Southern (135p)	155 -1
Guthrie Corp (150p)	166 -1
Harrison (150p)	161
Interlink Express (185p)	208
Lon Assc Inv Tst (14p)	5½ -½
Lloyds Chemist (105p)	132 +2
Lon& Metropolitan (145p)	172 +3
Mecca Leisure (135p)	150½ -½
Miller & Santhouse (105p)	176 +1
Plum Hldgs (90p)	99 +1
Quarto (115p)	130
Rotunda (95p)	95
Sandell Perkins (135p)	170 -1
Scot Mtgs 100% #25	£19
TSB Group (100p)	76
Thames TV (190p)	300 +2
Virgin (140p)	134½ +½
Whitney Mackay (160p)	167 +1
Wooltons Better (104p)	85
Ward Group (97p)	104

RIGHTS ISSUES

Blacks Leisure N/P	3½
Blue Arrow F/P	386 -2
Br. Benzol F/P	71
Cook Cwm N/P	10
Glanfield N/P	27
Norfolk Cap F/P	25
Petrocan F/P	60 +4
Regalian N/P	2
Throg Sec N/P	3
Waddington N/P	13

(issue price in brackets).

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 11 Low 10
Week fixed: 10⅝

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 mnth	10⅞	2 mnth	10⅞
3 mnth	10 11/16	3 mnth	10 9/16

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth	10 25/32-10 23/32	2 mnth	10 25/32-10 23/32
3 mnth	10 23/32-10 11/16	6 mnth	10¾-10 21/32

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth	11 13/32	2 mnth	11 13/32
3 mnth	11 11/32	6 mnth	11⅜

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 10⅞ close 12

1 week	11-10⅞	6 mnth	11 7/16-11 5/16
1 mnth	10 15/16-10⅞	9 mnth	11 7/16-11 5/16
3 mnth	11⅛-11	12 mth	11 7/16-11 5/16

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days	10⅞	7 days	10⅞
1 mnth	10⅞	3 mnth	11⅛
6 mnth	11⅜	12 mth	11 1/16

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 mnth	11⅛-11⅛	2 mnth	11⅛-11⅛
3 mnth	11⅜-11⅛	6 mnth	11⅜-11⅛
9 mnth	11⅜-11⅛	12 mth	11⅜-11⅛

Sterling CDs (%)

1 mnth	11-10⅞	3 mnth	11¼-11⅛
6 mnth	11⅜-11 5/16	12 mth	11 5/16-11 3/16

Dollar CDs (%)

1 mnth	6.00-5.95	3 mnth	6.00-5.95
6 mnth	5.95-5.90	12 mth	5.95-5.90

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	6⅛-5⅞
7 days	6 1/16-5⅞	1 mnth	6 1/16-5 15/16
3 mnth	6 1/16-5 15/16	6 mnth	6 1/16-5 15/16
Deutschmark		call	5-4
7 days	4⅝-4½	1 mnth	4⅝-4½
3 mnth	4⅝-4½	6 mnth	4⅝-4½
French Franc		call	7½-6½
7 days	7 9/16-7 7/16	1 mnth	7 9/16-7 7/16
3 mnth	8¼-8⅛	6 mnth	8 7/16-8 5/16
Swiss Franc		call	1½-½
7 days	5 9/16-5 7/16	1 mnth	2⅞-2⅝
3 mnth	3 15/16-3 13/16	6 mnth	3 15/16-3 13/16
Yen		call	4½-3½
7 days	4 11/16-4 9/16	1 mnth	4⅝-4½
3 mnth	4 11/16-4 9/16	6 mnth	4⅝-4½

GOLD

Gold:$382.00-382.50
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$ 380.00-383.00 (£265.00-267.50)
Sovereigns* (new):
$ 90.50-91.50 (£63.00-63.75)
Platinum
$ 477.85 (£334.80)
*Excludes VAT

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range November 26	Market rates close November 26	1 month	3 months
N York	1.4270-1.4320	1.4310-1.4320	0.62-0.61prem	1.81-1.78prem
Montreal	1.9954-1.9840	1.9812-1.9840	0.49-0.40prem	1.41-1.28prem
Ams'dam	3.2025-3.2206	3.2162-3.2206	1½-1⅜prem	4⅛-4⅛prem
Brussels	58.91-59.18	59.07-59.18	22-18prem	57-49prem
C'phgen	10.7063-10.7586	10.7346-10.7493	1⅜-⅝prem	1⅜-1prem
Dublin	1.0396-1.0504	1.0486-1.0476	27-35dis	63-81dis
Frankfurt	2.8336-2.8480	2.8448-2.8490	1⅝-1⅜prem	4⅝-4⅜prem
Lisbon	211.20-213.64	211.50-212.72	80-119dis	200-350dis
Madrid	191.35-192.32	192.04-192.32	17-32dis	40-87dis
Milan	1952.00-1976.18	1970.49-1976.18	1prem-1dis	2-par
Oslo	10.7660-10.8016	10.7869-10.8016	4⅝-4⅝dis	10⅝-11⅛dis
Paris	9.2784-9.3323	9.3158-9.3323	2⅝-2⅛prem	6⅝-6⅛prem
St'khlm	9.8955-9.8867	9.8667-9.8808	1⅝-1⅜prem	4⅛-3⅝prem
Tokyo	231.90-233.27	232.90-233.27	1⅝-1⅜prem	3⅝-3⅛prem
Vienna	19.95-20.06	20.00-20.03	10⅝-8⅝prem	29½-25⅞prem
Zurich	2.3595-2.3771	2.3733-2.3771	1⅝-1⅜prem	4⅝-4⅜prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 68.2 (day's range 67.8-68.2).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.6582-1.6652
Australia dollar	2.1968-2.2001
Bahrain dinar	0.5360-0.5400
Brazil cruzado*	20.1159-20.2802
Cyprus pound	0.7260-0.7360
Finland marka	6.9865-7.0255
Greece drachma	196.00-198.00
Hong Kong dollar	11.1293-11.1386
India rupee	18.55-18.75
Iraq dinar	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4170-0.4210
Malaysia dollar	3.7100-3.7300
Mexico peso	1210.00-1250.00
New Zealand dollar	2.7385-2.7510
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.3430-5.3830
Singapore dollar	3.1327-3.1364
South Africa rand	3.1944-3.2110
U A E dirham	5.2230-5.2630

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.3680-1.3710
Singapore	2.1915-2.1925
Malaysia	2.6005-2.6025
Australia	0.6502-0.6507
Canada	1.3848-1.3853
Sweden	6.9020-6.9070
Norway	7.5350-7.5400
Denmark	7.5030-7.5080
West Germany	1.9855-1.9865
Switzerland	1.6545-1.6555
Netherlands	2.2430-2.2440
France	6.5000-6.5050
Japan	162.65-162.75
Italy	1375.5-1376.5
Belgium(Comm)	41.28-41.33
Hong Kong	7.7855-7.7865
Portugal	147.70-148.00
Spain	134.15-134.25
Austria	14.01-14.03

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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Dec 86	88.62	88.70	88.62	88.65	1491
Mar 87	88.69	88.78	88.69	88.77	1681
Jun 87	89.06	89.13	89.05	89.13	102
Sep 87	89.11	89.16	89.10	89.18	53
Dec 87	88.95	88.95	88.95	89.02	6
Mar 88	N/T	—	—	88.79	0
Previous day's total open interest 15335					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Previous day's total open interest 24783					
Dec 86	94.03	94.03	94.00	94.02	925
Mar 87	94.09	94.10	94.07	94.09	3287
Jun 87	94.01	94.02	93.99	94.01	179
Sep 87	93.79	93.80	93.78	93.80	102
US Treasury Bond					
Previous day's total open interest 3194					
Dec 86	99-07	99-09	98-21	99-06	6525
Mar 87	98-11	98-18	98-00	98-14	720
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	97-17	0
Short Gilt					
Previous day's total open interest 766					
Dec 86	95-42	95-45	95-38	95-47	143
Mar 87	96-02	96-02	96-02	96-02	2
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Long Gilt					
Previous day's total open interest 17240					
Dec 86	107-00	107-10	106-23	107-09	14745
Mar 87	107-07	107-20	106-31	107-19	6439
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	107-19	0
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
FT-SE 100					
Previous day's total open interest 2633					
Dec 86	162.00	163.50	162.00	163.50	464
Mar 87	165.60	165.70	165.60	166.25	6

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Nov 17	Nov 28	Feb 19	Mar 2
Dec 1	Dec 12	Mar 5	Mar 16
Dec 15	Jan 2	Mar 19	Mar 30

Call options were taken out on: 26/11/86 Guinness Peat, Amstrad, Brake Bros., Tops Estates, Hughes Foods, Carnford, Readicut, Sheraton, European Ferries, British Benzol, Utd. Spring, Hawtin, Audiotronic, Tricentrol, C. Baynes, Blacks Leisure, S.W. Wood, Sound Diffusion, Kellock Trust, BOMS, Argyle Trust, British Commonwealth, Tomkins, Aran Energy.
Puts: Blacks Leisure.
Put & Call: Sheraton, British Commonwealth.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Allied Lyons (*312)	300	20	32	37	7	13	19
	330	9	18	22	27	30	33
	360	1	9	—	55	58	—
BP (*678)	600	98	115	—	2	9	—
	650	58	75	95	9	27	35
	700	26	45	62	30	50	57
Cons Gold (*671)	550	135	154	—	3	10	—
	600	95	117	132	10	22	30
	650	59	87	97	27	42	52
Courtaulds (*325)	260	67	81	—	½	2	—
	280	47	61	75	1½	4	7
	300	33	48	59	4	8	12
	330	14	27	37	12	18	23
Com Union (*261)	260	15	24	31	9	16	19
	280	7	14	22	24	30	33
	300	2½	8	14	40	44	47
Cable & Wire (*321)	300	35	47	63	7	18	22
	325	19	31	—	20	28	—
	350	7	20	—	35	43	—
	375	2	—	—	55	—	—
GEC (*187)	160	30	38	44	1½	4	6
	180	15	22	28	6	11	12
	200	5½	10½	17	17	22	24
Grand Met (*462)	360	110	115	—	1	3	—
	390	82	88	—	1	6	—
	420	55	69	76	5	13	18
	460	25	42	55	18	26	33
ICI (*1066)	950	132	145	—	4	10	—
	1000	87	105	132	9	20	29
	1050	50	72	102	20	40	50
	1100	24	48	78	50	70	79
Land Sec (*335)	300	41	50	58	1½	4	9
	330	18	28	36	8	14	18
	360	4	13	17	27	28	33
Marks & Spen (*190)	180	16	25	32	2½	5	7
	200	5	14	18	13	15	19
	220	1	5	10	32	33	34
Shell Trans (*948)	850	113	128	148	3	17	27
	900	72	90	112	12	38	43
	950	42	60	80	38	58	68
Trafalgar House (*288)	260	30	39	47	2	10	14
	280	19	28	38	12	18	21
	300	9	17	25	25	29	32
TSB (*76)	70	8½	11	13½	1½	2½	4
	80	2½	6½	8½	5	6½	7½
	90	1	2½	5½	14½	15½	16

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Beecham (*419)	360	62	75	—	1	2	—
	390	32	50	62	2	8	15
	420	12	33	43	9	22	30
	460	2	13	24	43	45	55
Boots (*232)	200	34	43	48	1	3	5
	220	14½	28	33	4	7	11
	240	3	17	20	13	15	23
BTR (*280)	280	10	23	29	8	12	18
	300	—	13	20	—	20	30
	307	2	—	—	30	—	—
Bass (*741)	650	95	105	120	2	5	10
	700	50	65	80	5	15	30
	750	17	40	55	28	40	55
Blue Circle (*644)	600	55	78	90	4	12	20
	650	23	52	65	23	33	40
	700	7	—	—	60	—	—
De Beers (*750)	650	110	140	—	3	20	—
	700	68	110	130	13	40	55
	750	43	85	105	30	63	75
	800	18	60	90	70	90	105
Dixons (*327)	300	30	44	58	2½	6	10
	330	10	28	42	12	15	20
	360	2	13	28	34	34	38
GKN (*272)	240	37	46	62	1	4	8
	260	21	30	38	7	11	15
	280	9	21	26	15	20	26
	300	3	12	—	30	34	—
Glaxo (*905)	900	27	70	97	17	38	50
	950	6	45	72	52	67	77
	1000	2	28	52	100	112	115
	1050	2	17	—	150	150	—
Hanson (*201)	160	43	45½	—	½	1½	—
	180	23	27½	33	1½	4	5½
	200	7	15	22½	6	11	14
	220	1½	6	12½	21	23	25

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Jaguar (*514)	500	28	57	70	10	28	35
	550	5	25	38	43	50	58
	600	1	15	—	88	90	—
Thorn EMI (*479)	420	68	78	100	1½	4	8
	460	33	50	67	9	18	23
	500	10	24	45	28	35	42
	550	1	13	—	73	77	—
Tesco (*379)	330	55	—	—	½	—	—
	360	25	42	56	3	11	15
	390	4	25	37	15	23	30
	420	1½	11	23	45	48	55

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Brit Aero (*504)	420	98	105	—	5	8	—
	460	62	70	85	10	15	28
	500	37	47	58	23	32	38
BAT Inds (*456)	360	107	—	—	1	—	—
	390	77	85	—	2	4	—
	420	53	62	75	5	9½	17
	460	28	38	53	20	27	30
Barclays (*474)	460	40	55	70	11	22	27
	500	20	30	42	32	40	45
	550	6	13	—	80	82	—
Brit Telecom (*198)	180	24	30	35	3	6	11
	200	10½	19	24	12	15	19
	220	4	10	—	26	28	—
Cadbury Schwpps (*179)	160	28	32	37	4	7	10
	180	13	20	25	10	14	16
	200	5	11	—	24	27	—
Guinness (327)	300	40	45	55	6	10	17
	330	17	26	35	20	25	28
	350	9	14	23	42	47	48
Ladbroke (*360)	330	45	53	60	4	8	12
	360	25	35	42	15	22	25
	390	13	20	27	35	40	43
LASMO (*147)	130	26	31	—	4	9	—
	140	19	24	31	10	14	16
	160	11	16	21	22	25	28
Midland Bank (*551)	500	75	92	102	6	14	22
	550	38	52	62	20	30	37
	600	13	22	32	55	62	65
P & O (*506)	460	63	73	90	5	10	15
	500	38	50	62	15	25	32
	550	12	23	33	48	55	53
Racal (*169)	160	21	28	36	8	11	13
	180	10	16	22	17	20	24
	200	4½	10	—	33	34	—
RTZ (*679)	600	97	112	—	10	19	—
	650	58	77	92	25	37	48
	700	35	48	64	50	57	67
Vaal Reefs (*78)	70	15	17½	19	5	6½	8
	80	7½	11	13½	9½	11½	13½
	90	3½	7½	9	16	18	19½

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Lonrho (*235)	200	41	46	—	2	7	—
	220	26	30	35	10	14	16
	240	12	19	24	20	25	28
	260	6½	10	—	34	39	—

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£101)	100	1¼	2	2 7/16	1/16	1⅛	1⅝
	102	1/16	1 5/32	1 7/16	1	2 3/32	2⅝
	104	1/16	9/16	25/32	3	3½	4
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£105)	104	—	3 3/32	4 1/32	—	2⅝	3 1/16
	106	3/32	2 1/16	3 1/32	1 1/16	3 3/32	4 1/16
	108	1/16	1 5/16	2⅝	3	4⅝	5⅛
	110	1/16	13/16	1⅞	5	5⅝	6⅝
	112	1/16	⅝	1 5/32	7	7½	8⅛
	114	1/16	¼	15/16	9	9⅝	9⅞

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Dec	Calls Jan	Calls Feb	Puts Nov	Puts Dec	Puts Jan	Puts Feb
FT-SE Index (*1633)	1525	108½	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	1550	83½	93½	103	—	1	5	10	—
	1575	58	70	82	—	1	11	18	—
	1600	35	52	65	75	2	17	25	33
	1625	12½	35	52	60	6	25	38	43
	1650	3	23	38	45	20	35	47	55
	1675	1	15	25	37	45	52	65	70
	1700	1	9	—	—	70	75	—	—

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1222	TSCO	402/0	402/0	402/0	402/0	402/0	405/0	400/0	703216
1207	THN	458/0	458/0	462/0	460/0	455/0	462/0	455/0	132715
1221	TRAF	286.0	285.0	287/0	279.0	280.0	288.0	277.0	1106608
1217	TRST	165/0	163/0	165/0	164/0	164/0	166/0	163/0	1322196
1220	ULVR	912/0	910/0	920/0	905/0	882/0	930/0	882/0	299485
1209	UBIS	231/0	231/0	232/0	230/0	231/0	232/0	230/0	352338

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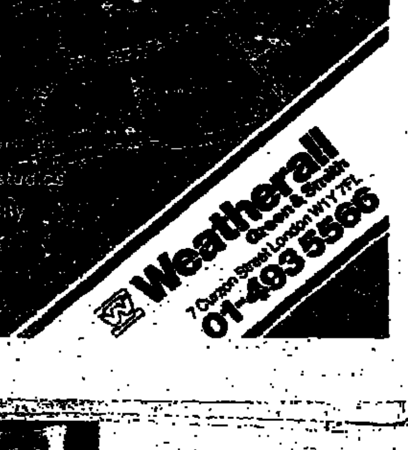

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6	GEC	Electricals	
7	Sunlight Serv	Industrials S-Z	
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9	Bett Bros	Building,Roads	
10	Utd Biscuits	Foods	
11	Coates Bros	Chemicals,Plas	
12	Braithwaite Grp	Industrials A-D	
13	Billam (J)	Industrials A-D	
14	Prestwich Hldgs	Industrials L-R	
15	Park Foods	Foods	
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103	95½	Exch 13¼% 1987	100⅛	..	13.2	11.135
100⅛	93⅛	Treas 10⅜% 1987	99⅝	..	10.3	11.105
98⅞	82¼	Exch 2½% 1987	96⅞	-⅛	2.6	8.419
99⅝	95¼	Exch 10½% 1987	99⅝	..	10.5	11.194
99⅞	93⅝	Fund 6½% 1985-87	98⅛	+⅛	6.6	8.891
101⅞	95⅞	Treas 10% 1987	99⅛	..	10.1	11.238
97⅛	90⅞	Treas 3% 1987	96⅝	+⅛	3.1	8.523
104⅞	94⅞	Treas 12% 1987	100¼	..	11.9	11.222
99⅛	92⅝	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	97	+⅛	8.0	10.444
104⅞	93⅝	Exch 10½% 1988	99	..	10.6	11.248
102⅞	93	Treas C9¾% 1988	97⅜	..	10.0	11.265
94⅞	89⅞	Treas 3% 1978-88	92⅞	..	3.2	8.072
102⅞	92⅞	Treas 9½% 1988	96⅞	..	9.8	11.321
107⅞	93⅞	Treas 11½% 1989	100⅞	..	11.5	11.362
105⅛	93⅞	Treas 10½% 1989	98⅞	..	10.7	11.328
104⅞	98	Exch 10% 1989	96⅞	..	10.3	11.376
111⅞	94⅞	Exch 10½% 1989	99⅞	+⅛	10.8	10.477
107⅞	59⅞	Exch 11% 1989	99⅞	..	11.1	11.320
93⅞	84⅞	Treas 5% 1986-89	89	+⅛	5.6	9.400
103⅞	92⅞	Treas C9½% 1989	95⅞	..	9.9	11.351
92	82⅞	Treas 3% 1989	89⅞	+⅛	3.4	8.159
114⅞	103	Treas 13% 1990	104⅞	..	12.5	11.309
88⅞	76⅞	Exch 2½% 1990	80⅞	..	3.1	8.282
108⅞	94⅞	Exch 11% 1990	99⅞	..	11.1	11.269
113⅞	100	Exch 12½% 1990	103⅞	..	12.1	11.317
89⅞	79⅞	Treas 3% 1990	84	+⅛	3.6	8.451
100⅞	88⅞	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	93⅞	..	8.8	10.622
108⅞	92⅞	Treas 10% 1990	96	..	10.4	11.328
85⅞	76⅞	Exch 2½% 1990	80⅞	..	3.1	11.351
98⅞	95⅞	Treas C10% 1991	95⅞	+⅛	..	9.572
112⅞	98	Treas 11¾% 1991	101⅞	..	11.6	11.294
94⅞	84⅞	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	89⅞	-⅛	6.6	8.997
110⅞	97⅞	Exch 11% 1991	98⅞	..	11.1	..
85⅞	78⅞	Treas 3% 1991	79⅞	+⅛	3.8	..

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
118⅞	103	Treas 12¾% 1992	105	+⅛	12.1	11.416
107⅞	91⅞	Treas 10% 1992	94⅞	..	10.6	11.329
109⅞	92⅞	Treas C10½% 1992	96⅞	+⅛	10.8	11.307
117⅞	100⅞	Exch 12¼% 1992	103	+⅛	11.9	11.503
122⅞	102⅞	Exch 13½% 1992	108	+⅛	12.5	11.553
109	92⅞	Treas 10% 1993	94⅞	+⅛	10.6	11.330
121⅞	103⅞	Treas 12½% 1993	104⅞	+⅛	12.0	11.477
91⅞	79⅞	Fund 6% 1993	82⅞	+⅛	7.2	9.520
128	103⅞	Treas 13¾% 1993	110⅞	+⅛	12.5	11.565
133⅞	104⅞	Treas 14½% 1994	114⅞	+⅛	12.7	11.490
122⅞	97⅞	Exch 12½% 1994	104⅞	+⅛	11.9	11.532
127⅞	108⅞	Exch 13½% 1994	109⅞	+⅛	12.4	11.598
103⅞	86⅞	Treas 9% 1994	88⅞	..	10.2	11.258
120	100⅞	Treas 12% 1995	102	..	11.8	11.574
78⅞	71⅞	Gas 3% 1990-95	73⅞	+⅛	4.1	7.280
110⅞	91⅞	Exch 10¼% 1995	93⅞	..	11.0	11.436
126	102⅞	Treas 12¾% 1995	106⅞	..	11.9	11.482
139⅞	111⅞	Treas 14% 1996	113⅞	+⅛	12.4	11.605
102⅞	86⅞	Treas 9% 1992-96	87⅞	+⅛	10.2	11.151
142⅞	114	Treas 15¼% 1996	120⅞	+⅛	12.7	11.621
130⅞	104⅞	Exch 13¼% 1996	110	..	12.0	11.486
84⅞	74⅞	Rdmpt 3% 1986-96	78⅞	+⅛	3.8	..
108⅞	88⅞	Conv 10% 1996	91⅞	-⅛	10.9	11.394
131	109⅞	Treas 13¼% 1997	110	-⅛	12.0	11.502
112⅞	93	Exch 10½% 1997	94⅞	..	11.1	11.417
101⅞	79⅞	Treas 8¾% 1997	85	+⅛	10.3	11.178
142⅞	118⅞	Exch 15% 1997	120	..	12.5	11.667
88⅞	71	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	73⅞	..	9.2	10.798
107⅞	88⅞	Exch 9¾% 1998	90⅞	+⅛	10.8	11.321
148⅞	122⅞	Treas 15½% 1998	124⅞	..	12.4	11.589
124⅞	101⅞	Exch 12% 1998	103⅞	..	11.6	11.417
107⅞	87⅞	Treas 9½% 1999	89⅞	-⅛	10.6	11.095
135⅞	103⅞	Exch 12¼% 1999	105⅞	..	11.6	11.401
114	93⅞	Treas 10½% 1999	95⅞	..	11.0	11.222
112⅞	91	Conv 10¼% 1999	93⅞	..	11.0	11.212
133⅞	109⅞	Treas 13% 2000	111⅞	+⅛	11.7	11.403
98	84⅞	Conv 9% 2000	86⅞	+⅛	..	11.015
111⅞	90⅞	Treas 10% 2001	92⅞	+⅛	10.8	11.065
109⅞	88	Conv 9¾% 2001	90⅞	+⅛	10.7	11.050
137⅞	110⅞	Treas 14% 1998-01	115	+⅛	12.2	11.628

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
111⅞	90⅞	Conv 10% 2002	92⅞	+⅛	10.8	11.022
124⅞	102	Exch 12% 1999-02	103⅞	+⅛	11.5	11.418
109⅞	89⅞	Treas 9¾% 2002	91	+⅛	10.7	11.007
112⅞	91⅞	Treas 10% 2003	93	+⅛	10.7	10.949
136⅞	114⅞	Treas 13¾% 2000-03	115⅞	+⅛	11.9	11.429
123⅞	100⅞	Treas 11½% 2001-04	102⅞	+⅛	11.2	11.174
112⅞	91⅞	Treas 10% 2004	93	+⅛	10.7	10.935
60⅞	47⅞	Fund 3½% 1999-04	49⅞	+1⅛	7.1	9.478
109⅞	87⅞	Conv 9½% 2004	89⅞	+⅛	10.7	10.904
109⅞	87⅞	Conv 9½% 2005	89⅞	+⅛	10.8	10.878
117⅞	94⅞	Exch 10½% 2005	97⅞	+⅛	10.8	10.865
134⅞	108⅞	Treas 12½% 2003-05	111⅞	+⅛	11.2	11.043
95⅞	76⅞	Treas 8% 2002-06	78	+⅛	10.3	10.690
107⅞	88⅞	Conv 9¾% 2006	91⅞	+⅛	10.8	10.824
127⅞	103⅞	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	105⅞	+⅛	11.2	11.044
94⅞	80⅞	Treas 8½% 2007	81⅞	+⅛	10.4	10.705
143⅞	113⅞	Treas 13½% 2004-08	118⅞	+⅛	11.4	11.043
85⅞	76	Treas 8% 2009	77⅞	+⅛	10.3	10.617
72⅞	55⅞	Treas 5½% 2008-12	57	-⅛	9.6	10.262
93⅞	74⅞	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	75⅞	+⅛	10.3	10.447
136	109⅞	Exch 12% 2013-17	111⅞	+⅛	10.8	10.694

UNDATED

High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
46⅞	37⅞	Consols 4%	38⅞	+⅛	10.4	..
42	32⅞	War Ln 3½%	33⅞	+⅛	10.4	..
52⅞	44⅞	Conv 3½%	45⅞	-⅛	7.7	..
34⅞	28⅞	Treas 3%	28⅞	+⅛	10.4	..
29⅞	23	Consols 2½%	23⅞	+⅛	10.5	..
29⅞	23⅞	Treas 2½%	23⅞	+⅛	10.5	..

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High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
125	103⅞	Treas IL 2% 1988	124⅞	..	2.1	1.547
108	96⅞	Treas IL 2% 1990	107⅞	+⅛	2.1	2.739
122	108⅞	Treas IL 2% 1996	115⅞	..	2.5	3.385
107⅞	95⅞	Treas IL2½% 2001	99⅞	+⅛	3.1	3.388
107⅞	93⅞	Treas IL2½% 2003	98	+⅛	3.2	3.631
110⅞	96⅞	Treas IL 2% 2006	100⅞	+⅛	2.8	3.613
108⅞	92⅞	Treas IL2½% 2009	98⅞	+⅛	3.2	3.722
111⅞	97	Treas IL2½% 2011	101⅞	+⅛	3.2	3.642
94⅞	79⅞	Treas IL2½% 2013	85⅞	+⅛	3.2	3.587
102⅞	87⅞	Treas IL2½% 2016	92⅞	+⅛	3.2	3.535
99⅞	90⅞	Treas IL2½% 2016 A	92⅞	+⅛	2.8	3.536
104	86⅞	Treas IL2½% 2020	91	+⅛	3.2	3.474

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
250	198	Allied Irish	242	247	●+5	9.0b	3.7	7.1
85	70	Ansbacher (Henry)	80	82	+5	..	..	42.0
298	185	Aus New Z	249	253	..	15.0b	6.0	..
11⅞	7⅞	Banamerica	11	..	+⅛	..	..	..
520	183	Bank Of Ireland	493	198	●+11	17.0	8.7	..
11⅞	6	Bank Leumi Israel	10⅞	..	..	..	..	..
250	230	Bank Leumi UK	240	260	..	1.7	0.7	11.7
469	377	Bank Of Scotland	410	414	+1	20.7	5.0	9.0
572	440	Barclays	470	473	-7	28.1	6.0	8.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	Beneficial	..	..	..	..	..	..
740	490	Brown Shipley	580	585	●-25	13.8	2.3	27.0
648	285	Cater Allen	350	365	●	28.9	10.2	35.5
58⅞	46⅞	Cattles	47⅞	48⅞	●-⅛	2.9	6.0	13.3
32⅞	24	Chase Manhattan	..	..	-⅛	..	..	..
42⅞	33⅞	Citicorp	35⅞	..	-⅛	..	..	..
90	67	Com Bank Wales	64	68	..	3.4	5.2	10.7
116	80⅞	Commerzbank	114	..	+3½	6.0	5.1	..
295	215⅞	Deutsche Bank	295	..	+4¾	20.0	4.1	..
34	17	Equity & Gen	30⅞	31⅞	●	1.3	4.2	29.2
213	148	First Nat Finance	193	194	-⅛	6.6	3.4	11.7
291	263	Gerrard Nat	285	290	●-1	22.1	7.7	..
102	66	Guinness Peat	96	97	+7⅞	2.9	3.0	19.4
251	195	Hambros	228	233	..	19.6n	4.6	9.3
430	325	Hill Samuel	358	363	●+1	19.1	5.2	8.0
75	55	HK Shanghai	73	74⅞	-1	3.3	4.5	..
530	318	Joseph (Leopold)	485	500	+5	17.7	3.6	20.7
198	135⅞	King & Shaxson	136	140	●	12.5	9.1	11.7
570	377	Kleinwort Benson	510	520	..	19.0	3.7	11.2
484	293	Lloyds	427	430	-1½	25.0	5.8	6.9
83	58	Lon Scot	70	73	..	3.7	5.1	13.7
427	260	Mercury Intl	428	438	+9	..	..	..
153	106	Do 6% 'A'	140	144	+4	8.6	6.1	..
599	417	Midland	553	555	+1	32.1	5.7	28.5
465	358	Morgan Grenfell	397	400	-1	12.1	3.0	..

BREWERIES

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

CINEMAS AND TV

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
328	213	Anglia TV 'A'	318	322	+5	13.9	4.3	18.7
417	365	Central TV	398	403	..	..	..	..
52	27	Grampian	47	49	●	2.9	6.0	6.9
240	176	HTV N/V	210	213	+1	12.1	5.7	8.2
477	14	LWT Hldgs	455	460	●+444	25.9	5.7	10.7
363	188	Scot TV	350	354	●-1	15.9	4.5	11.6
276	148	TVS N/V	258	259	+⅛	14.3	5.5	12.7
50	31	TSW	48	49	●	2.9	6.0	9.6
341	223	Thames TV	298	301	●+2	15.0	5.0	..
228	158⅞	TV-AM	207	210	●-16	6.4	3.1	..
151	104	Ulster TV	149	150	●+⅛	8.9	6.0	5.6
191	144	Yorkshire TV	165	168	+2	..	..	..

DRAPERY AND STORES

ELECTRICALS

FINANCE AND LAND

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FOODS

HOTELS AND CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
155	133	Friendly Hotels	140	142	●+1	1.0	0.7	68.8
482	328	Grand Met	460	463	+20	13.5	2.9	15.5
305	209	Kennedy Brookes	290	292	●+6	2.4	0.8	15.0
391	312	Ladbroke	358	361	-6	16.8	4.7	17.2
565	447	Lon Park Hotels	463	470	●+3	14.3	3.1	14.2
100	75⅞	Mount Charlotte	91⅞	92⅞	..	2.1	2.3	15.2
113	67	Prince Of W Hotels	107	110	-4	2.1	1.9	19.6
70	48⅞	Queens Moat	81⅞	82	-2⅞	2.3	3.7	16.3
405	195	Savoy Hotels 'A'	362	365	-1	5.0	1.4	14.3
91	56	Stakis	69	70	-1⅛	1.8	2.6	17.2
209	139	Trusthouse Forte	176	178	+12	7.9	4.5	17.5

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LEISURE

MINING

OVERSEAS TRADERS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
158	127	Chillington	138	143	● ..	10.0	7.1	12.5
107	75	Finlay (James)	86	88	●-1	5.9	6.8	..
491	325	Harrison Crosfield	454	458	● ..	28.6	6.3	23.0
505	303	Inchcape	485	487	● ..	25.8	5.3	38.5
37	28⅞	Jacks (Wm)	33⅞	34⅞	..	1.7b	5.0	12.8
283	183	Lonrho	234	235	+⅛	17.1	7.3	11.9
86	34	Ocean Wilson	75	80	-2	3.6	4.5	13.6
285	190	Paterson Zoch	282	287	●+2	9.3	3.3	7.3
283	190	Do 'A'	280	285	● ..	9.3	3.3	7.3
213	126	Polly Peck	180	183	●+9	7.5	4.1	3.5
60	30	Sime Darby	56⅞	58⅞	-1	..	..	..
645	545	Steel Bros	635	655	●+3	22.9	3.6	14.0
224	61	Tozer Kemsley	170	171	+29⅞	..	..	61.1
271	153	Yule Catto	255	260	-3	10.7	4.1	11.9

PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G

PROPERTY

MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
335	168	AC	323	333	+3	..	..	..
280⅞	138	AE	279	281	+3	10.7b	3.8	13.5
116	11⅞	Alexanders	14⅞	15⅞	-⅛	..	..	29.4
193	118	Appleyard	155	160	+2	8.6n	5.4	7.4
141	104	Armstrong	128	129	●-3⅞	3.6	3.0	12.5
56	34⅞	BSG	52	53⅞	●	1.7	3.2	16.3
		Bluemel Bros						
314	269	Bramall (CD)	275	280	+1	11.2	4.0	15.3
608	423	Br Aerospace	503	505	+13	23.4	4.6	10.8
177	118	Br Car Auctions	174	175	-⅛	8.4	3.7	15.5
273	176	Caffyns	197	200	+1	7.9	4.0	..
215	164	Cowie (T)	186	189	-1	6.7	3.0	8.8
122	99	Dews (Godfrey)	120	122	..	6.4	5.3	10.8
241	177	Dowty	213	215	..	7.9	3.7	14.7
115	41	ERF	77	82	+1	..	..	5.2
357	253	FR Group	268⅞	295⅞	●+3	4.9	1.7	18.9
213	125	Ford Motor	207	..	●-3	7.0	3.4	..
111	86	Gates (Frank G)	110	112	+5	4.3	3.9	13.8
286	211	General Motor	235	..	-5	25.0	9.8	..
115	51	Glanfield Lawrence	85	88	+1	..	..	..
114	68	Hartwells	81⅞	84⅞	●+3	3.8	4.6	10.2
612	373	Honda Motor	329	..	-15	3.8	0.7	..
583	335	Jaguar	513	515	+11	12.7	2.5	10.6
142	72	Jessups	111	114	●+1	6.4	5.7	7.4
113	44	Kwik-Fit	87	89	s-25	2.7	3.1	15.5
402	269	Lex	310	315	-1	15.1	4.8	17.6
208	90	Lookers	205	210	+2	7.6	3.7	13.2
653	432	Lucas	460	462	●+8	18.6	4.0	6.4
141	111	Perry gp	118	121	●-1	6.4	5.3	11.0
95	88	Plaxtons (GB)	92	95	..	6.4	6.8	12.8
115	51	Quick (HJ)	112	115	..	4.3	3.8	18.0
43	26	Rover	37	40	+1	..	..	..
77	43	Supra	66	69	..	3.4	5.0	13.0
110	55	Wadham	80	84	-1	4.3	5.2	28.5
103	32	Woodhead (Jonas)	98	99	..	1.4	1.4	16.3

NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
172	145	Accord	152	157	+2	4.4	2.8	18.9
260	195	Assoc Book	230	235	+2	8.2	3.5	14.8
358	260	Assoc Newspaper	315⅞	320⅞	+5	6.3	2.0	17.4
380	288⅞	Black (A&C)	325	335	..	14.6	4.4	18.2
730	565	Bristol	680	695	+3	38.6	5.6	19.3
500	435	Collins (Wm)	445	455	..	11.4	2.5	20.3
383	285	Do 'A'	300	305	..	11.4	3.8	13.7
205	115	EMAP 'A'	134	137	-1	3.1	2.3	24.2
378	285	Haynes Publishing	300	310	●	20.6	6.6	15.7
331	85	Home Counties	245	255	-1	12.5	5.0	15.9
380	183	Independent	300	310	..	12.0	3.9	..
659	404	Int Thomson	655	662	●+7	14.0	2.1	17.4
21⅞	19⅞	News International	20⅞	21⅞	..	12.9	0.6	..
690	445	Octopus	525	530	●-2	10.4	2.0	18.8
165	112	Portsmouth Sund	160	165	●	5.9	3.6	20.3
466	220	Trinity Intl	460	465	●	22.6	4.9	13.3
403	280	Utd Newspapers	350	353	●+2	22.9	6.5	14.0

OIL

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
127	82	Ampol	118	122	-2	..	..	..
31	9	Aran Energy	28	30	-2	..	..	..
27	10	Atlantic Resources	24	26	-1	..	..	..
109	58	Aus Oil & Gas	95	98	-4	..	..	..
21⅞	5	BOM	12	13⅞	-1⅞	..	..	..
475	333	Br Borneo	415	420	● ..	30.0	7.2	14.6
709	530	Br Petroleum	687	688	-1⅛	48.6	7.1	7.5
193	98	Britoil	153	155	+3	9.3	6.0	4.1
98	16	Brycan	77	80	-1	..	..	..
419	334	Burmah	345	347	●+8	18.2	5.3	10.7
75	47	Carless Capel	61	62	-⅛	3.3	5.3	11.5
128	88	Century	120	123	-5	7.3	6.0	8.9
34⅞	10	Charterhall	32	33	+1	..	..	73.9
54	30	Clyde	45	48	-1	2.1	4.5	5.6
168	83	Enterprise	153	154	-⅛	12.1	7.9	5.9
56	23	Fastland	32	35	..	..	..	..
34	24	Gerber Energy	36	..	..	..	..	..
350	200	Global N Res	325	..	..	..	..	..

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
625	248	Assoc Br Ports	293	298	+16	8.6b	2.9	18.4
386	213	Br Commonwealth	307	310	●+14	8.1b	2.6	21.7
330	198	Caledonia	285	288	●+1	7.4	2.6	50.4
94	51	Fisher (James)	64	67	+1	4.8	7.3	12.0
603	480	Graig	490	505	●-2	21.4	4.3	41.3
76	54⅞	Jacobs (JI)	63	65	+1	5.1b	8.0	48.9
12⅞	4⅞	Lyle	5	7	..	..	..	0.5
41	39	Mersey Docks	35	38	..	..	..	3.9
255	180	Ocean Transport	238	240	..	12.9n	5.4	11.0
576	428	P & O Dfd	505	507	●+1	25.0	4.9	14.5
173	86	Runciman (Walter)	165	170	● ..	7.1	4.2	26.5
360	127	Tiphook	345	355	+5	6.1	1.7	22.2
390	360	Turnbull Scott	370	380	..	12.9	3.4	52.5

SHOES AND LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
368	290	FII	355	365	●+5	9.6	2.7	10.4
206	145	Garner Booth	170	174	● ..	14.3	8.3	10.7
45	32	Headlam Sims	40	42	-2	0.7	1.7	..
218	166	Lambert Howarth	197	202	+2	8.9	4.5	10.7
82	54⅞	Newbold & Burton	68	72	..	4.4	6.3	21.1
148	82	Pittard	138	142	●	5.5	3.9	9.6
157	118	Strong & Fisher	136	140	..	12.9	9.3	6.4
273	156	Stylo	218	223	-4	6.4	2.9	27.3

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
588	245	Allied Text	268	278	+1	10.7	3.9	18.8
300	152	Atkins Bros	278	283	+1	10.0	3.6	17.4
187	125	Beale (John)	174	177	+1	6.9	3.8	7.1
115	88	Beckman (A)	102	105	● ..	8.2	7.9	12.1
38	16	Bolton	34⅞	36	+1⅞	..	..	24.7
144	125⅞	Br Mohair	137	139	●+1	8.6n	6.2	8.3
137	77	Bulmer & Lumb	111	114	..	7.1	6.3	25.9
76⅞	61⅞	Carael	67	68	..	5.7	8.4	..
330	252	Courtaulds	324	326	+6	9.3	2.9	11.0
182	126	Crowther (J)	154	156	●-1	4.8	3.0	12.6
276	211	Dawson	214	217	+2	8.9	4.1	11.5
60	42	Debron	48	51	+1	0.7	1.4	39.4
152	67	Drummond	147	149	-1	..	..	..
64	25	Dura Mill	61	66	●+1	2.9	4.5	8.6
110	64	Foster (John)	67	70	●+1	5.0	7.2	6.0
113	65	Gaskell Broadloom	109	114	+1	7.9	7.1	8.2
57	33	Hicking Pentecost	42	45	+1	..	..	..
137	87	Illingworth	127	129	+1	5.0	3.9	11.7
210	38	Ingram (Harold)	126	135	..	4.3	3.3	24.7
122	47	Jerome (S)	120	123	+3	5.0	4.1	11.7
200	83	Lamont	195	200	●-1	6.9	3.5	12.8
206	138	Leeds	190	195	+2	8.0	4.1	12.5
141	84	Lister	134	136	-4	2.1	1.6	11.7
103	72	Lyles (S)	100	103	●-1	8.2	8.0	11.5
115	71	Mackay (Hugh)	103	108	+3	6.7	6.3	15.4
23⅞	10	Munton	21	24	..	..	..	15.2
158	94	Parkland 'A'	130	132	-1	6.9	5.3	16.1
49⅞	30	Readicut	44	45	●+1⅞	2.5	5.6	10.3
155	109	SEET	139	142	+1	7.6	5.4	8.0
136	72⅞	Sekers	107	110	-5	3.6	3.3	8.7
182	133	Sirdar	135	138	●+1	7.4	5.4	10.0
70	48	Small Tidmas	65⅞	68⅞	-1	3.9	5.8	8.1
33⅞	11	Stoddard 'A'	31	32⅞	+1⅞	..	..	..
186	95	Textured Jersey	136	139	-1	8.6	6.2	7.9
230	28	Tomkinsons	223	228	+1	5.7	2.5	18.0
109⅞	75⅞	Tootal	101⅞	102⅞	●-⅛	5.9	5.8	10.6
350	235	Yorklyde	250	270	●	10.0	3.8	8.1

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
481	351	BAT	455	457	+3	18.4	4.0	11.9
180	108	Carroll	133	138	..	..	..	..
180	108	Carron	133	138	..	..	..	..
176	127	Rothmans 'B'	175	177	+19	10.0	5.7	6.2

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	105.6	111.7●	..	10.74
High Inc Equity	94.1	100.1●	+0.2	5.19
Worldwide Bond	199.3	213.3●	+0.2	4.55
American Growth	157.0	167.0	-1.0	0.84
Asian Pacific	59.8	63.9c	+0.5	1.77
Assets & Earns	106.5	113.2●	+0.2	2.53
Capital Reserve	63.3	65.7	..	1.54
Comm & Energy	94.0	99.9	+0.4	1.14
European Capital	102.2	108.7	+0.3	1.17
General	135.4	144.0	+0.9	2.95
Japan	76.0	81.2	-0.2	..
UK Growth Inc	102.9	109.4●	+0.4	1.43
Do Accum	148.8	158.2●	+0.5	0.99
US Emerging Co's	55.4	58.5c	-0.6	0.08
Equitec Progress	201.7	214.5●	..	3.35
MastersLAcc	67.3	71.5	+0.1	2.29
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 610366 & 0793 28291				
UK Special Sits	222.7	236.1	+1.0	3.16
Growth & Income	131.5	139.2	+0.2	3.25
Capital Trust	224.0	237.4	+0.4	2.91
Balanced	355.6	378.9c	..	3.43
Accum Trust	541.3	573.8●	+0.3	3.08
American Income	33.8	35.8	-0.3	4.11
High Income Tst	250.4	254.1	+1.0	4.89
Equity Income	141.4	149.8	-0.1	5.04
High Yield	144.7	153.4●	+0.2	5.34
Govt Secs Trust	26.5	27.6●	-0.1	10.34
International	92.8	98.8	-0.3	0.82
Japan Fund	118.4	126.1	-0.4	0.01
Pacific Trust	195.9	208.6	-0.1	0.88
Amer Spcl Sits	68.7	73.2	-0.5	1.34
Secs Of Amer Tst	208.3	221.9●	-1.7	0.94
Ald Asset Value	225.8	239.3●	-0.1	3.55
Conv & Gilt Trust	32.7	34.7●	-0.3	3.26
Smaller Co's	126.8	134.2	-0.1	2.56
2nd Smaller Co's	160.2	169.8	+0.2	2.36
Recovery Trust	81.1	86.0●	+0.3	2.17
ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES				
131, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1AY 01-628 9876 01-280 8540/1/2/3				
Capital Growth Inc	58.4	62.4c	-0.2	1.82
Do Accum	65.2	69.7c	-0.3	1.82
Ryl Tst Pacific Basin	148.2	158.3	+1.2	0.78
Do 6% Withdrawal	76.4	81.7	+0.7	0.78
Finance & Property	71.0	75.9	+0.1	3.72
Ryl Tst Fixed & Conv	47.8	50.3●	-0.1	8.12
Do Accum	83.5	85.7●	-0.3	8.12
Equity Income	78.4	81.7●	-0.4	4.89
Do Accum	151.0	160.5●	-1.0	4.89
High Yield Income	76.6	81.8c	-0.5	6.71
Do Accum	204.2	218.3c	-1.4	6.71
Intl Income	86.0	91.9	+1.4	1.36
Do Accum	88.3	94.4	+1.4	1.36
Do 5% Withdrwl	79.6	85.3●	+1.3	1.36
Managed Fund	65.6	69.3	+0.4	..
Preference Income	28.3	30.2●	-0.4	10.28
Do Accum	92.6	98.0●	-1.5	10.28
Ryl Tst Smlr Co's	69.7	74.5●	-1.0	2.14
Portfolio Tst UK	74.6	77.5	-0.4	1.47
Portfolio Tst Japan	97.9	101.4	+1.3	0.00
Portfolio Tst US	73.5	76.2	+0.3	1.01
Portfolio Tst Europe	127.2	131.8	+1.5	0.00
Portfolio Tst HK	51.6	53.5	+0.1	0.10
BAILLIE GIFFORD				
3, Glenfinlas St, Edinburgh EH3 6YY 031-225 2581 (Dealers:031-225 6066)				
Ins Ex (22)	471.4	491.9	..	0.66
Japan Ex (43)	413.9	431.7	..	0.21
UK Ex (31)	235.9	251.0●	..	1.34
P'sal Pens Intl	541.6	570.5	..	..
P'sal Pens UK	231.5	243.7	..	..
BG America	169.2	180.0	-0.6	0.00
BG Energy	159.3	169.5c	-1.0	2.00
BG Income Grwth	201.0	213.9c	-0.1	5.35
BG Japan	185.7	197.6	+0.7	0.00
BG Technology	149.3	158.9	..	0.00
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS				
25/26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD 01-491 0295				
American	46.3	49.3	-0.5	0.69
Australian	22.0	23.4	+0.2	2.25
Japan & General	106.1	112.9	-0.3	0.08
High Income	44.7	47.6c	..	5.91
International Trust	86.7	92.3	-0.1	1.41
Income Gth Tst	48.2	51.3	..	3.81
Gilts & Fixed Int	19.8	21.1	+0.2	10.35
Global Markets	34.9	37.2	..	1.94
Special Situations	41.7	43.8●	..	1.37
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 01-534 5544				
America	89.2	94.3●	-0.4	1.44
Aust Accum	176.7	186.9c	+2.0	0.93
Do Income	125.1	132.3c	+1.5	0.93
Capital	69.4	73.4	..	3.07
Exempt Trust	413.8	437.8●	+0.9	4.34
Extra Income	73.9	78.2●	+0.1	5.75
Financial	229.8	243.1●	+0.3	3.10
500	264.8	279.9	+0.5	3.28
General	137.5	145.5	+0.4	3.28
Gilt & Fixed Inc	48.9	51.4●	..	10.66
Japan & Gen Inc	157.4	166.5	-0.5	0.00
Do Acc	159.2	168.4	-0.5	0.00
Growth Accum	177.8	188.1	+0.1	2.30
Income Trust	337.1	356.7	+0.9	3.93
Leisure Trust	79.5	84.1	..	1.47
Special Situations	141.7	149.9	+0.6	2.41
Recovery	194.5	205.8●	+0.8	2.83
Trustee Fund	105.1	111.2	+0.3	3.05
Univ Tech Accum	55.1	58.3	-0.9	0.19
Do Income	54.8	57.7	-0.9	0.19
Worldwide Trust	152.7	161.5	+0.1	1.16
'B' Tst Inv Fund Acc	331.7	351.0●	+0.2	3.49
Do Inc	211.6	223.9●	..	3.49
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 01-658 9002				
Australia	77.7	83.1●	+1.5	0.30
Eastern	72.0	77.0	+0.5	0.30
Equity Income	57.4	61.0●	+0.1	5.80
Europe	137.3	146.0c	+1.7	1.00
Growth & Inc	62.9	66.9	-0.1	3.00
Japan Special	103.8	110.5	-1.0	0.10
Japan Sunrise	90.1	95.9	-1.0	0.10
First Europe	121.5	129.2	+1.6	0.80
First Japan	87.3	92.9	..	1.10
First N Amer	51.9	55.2	..	1.10
First Smaller Co's	66.3	70.5●	..	2.70
BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT				
10, Fenchurch St, London EC3 01-623 6000				
Amer Smlr Co Inc	83.7	87.2	-0.5	1.43
Do Accum	65.2	68.6	-0.4	1.43
European Inc	103.4	109.1	+1.1	1.36
Do Accum	127.2	134.2	+1.3	1.36
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	21.9	23.1	+0.4	2.38
Do Accum	28.0	29.5	+0.5	2.38
General Inc	161.1	170.0	-0.7	3.04
Do Accum	219.4	231.5	-1.1	3.04
Gilt Yield Inc	102.9	106.0c	..	10.74
Do Accum	165.5	174.6	..	10.74
High Yield Inc	92.3	97.4	-0.3	5.29
Do Accum	185.9	196.1	-0.5	5.29
Intl Rec Inc	103.3	109.0●	-2.0	1.99
Do Accum	109.2	115.2●	-2.1	1.99
Japan Inc	231.3	244.0	-1.5	0.33
Do Accum	233.0	245.8	-1.6	0.33
Japanese Spec Inc	103.3	109.0	-0.7	0.38
Do Accum	102.7	109.4	-0.7	0.38
N American Inc	50.7	53.5c	-0.2	0.69
Do Accum	58.9	62.1	-0.3	0.69
Pacific Inc	134.4	141.8	-0.5	0.81
Do Accum	151.8	160.0	-0.5	0.81
Planned Investment	129.0	136.4	..	3.97
Smaller Co's Inc	83.3	87.9c	+0.1	1.44
Do Accum	98.8	104.2	+0.2	1.44
UK Equity Gth Inc	27.3	28.8	..	1.09
Do Accum	45.9	47.5	+0.5	1.09
Worldwide Tech Inc	38.8	40.9	+0.2	1.56
Do Accum	39.1	41.3	+0.3	1.56
KB Smaller Co's Inc	158.8	167.3●	-0.4	2.18
Do Accum	207.1	218.5	-0.5	2.18
KB High Yield Inc	127.1	134.1●	-0.4	4.95
Do Accum	211.7	223.3	-0.6	4.95
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	128.8	137.0	-0.3	2.82
Smaller Co's Acc	232.5	248.7●	+0.5	..
Do Income	148.5	158.8●	+0.3	0.99
High Income	65.8	70.3	+1.7	5.78
Income	76.3	81.6●	+0.3	4.70
Man Portfolio Inc	62.8	66.8	+0.2	3.01
Do Acc	106.0	112.7	+0.3	..
North American	57.2	61.2	..	1.44
Orient	83.4	89.2●	-0.1	0.23
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT 01-588 2868				
Fellowship Inc	50.4	53.6	..	3.00
General Inc (4)	217.3	228.8c	..	3.37
Do Accum (4)	347.5	362.6	..	3.37
Income Fund (3)	102.4	107.3●	..	5.05
Do Accum (3)	182.9	191.7	-0.1	5.05
Intl Inc (2)	136.9	142.8	..	1.58
Do Accum (2)	182.2	189.9	..	1.58
Smaller Inc (5)	£12.07	12.78	..	2.53
Do Accum (5)	£12.66	13.61	..	2.53
CS FUND MANAGERS				
125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY 01-242 1148				
CS Japan Fund	82.3	87.8	+0.1	0.57
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Growth	287.5	304.3	..	2.98
Income	335.4	354.9	-1.7	3.78
Far East	230.3	245.1	+4.9	0.26
North American	152.6	161.5	+2.2	0.57
Global	52.7	55.8	+1.4	0.81
European	57.6	61.0	+1.4	1.28
Japan	58.3	62.1	+1.6	0.50
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ 01-621 0011				
Capital	368.0	389.4	+2.0	1.82
Income	280.3	298.2	+0.3	5.27
North American	293.1	311.3	-4.1	0.92
CATER ALLEN				
1, King William St. EC4N 7AU 01-623 6314				
Gilt Trust	89.9	95.1●	..	12.68
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Inv Fund	413.45		..	4.40
Fixed Int	133.25		..	10.73
Deposit	100.0		..	10.20
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS				
72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP 01-606 6822				
S & C Special Sits	57.8	60.6	..	0.63
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Income	381.89		..	4.99
Accum	£11.0899		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	10.60
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373393				
Amer Growth	24.6	26.1	-0.1	1.90
Equity High Income	43.4	48.0c	+0.1	4.50
European Growth	31.8	33.7●	+0.3	2.00
General Equity	38.6	40.9	..	2.60
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	26.7	28.2	..	3.60
Gilt & Fixed Inc	22.3	23.5c	..	9.50
Index Securities	24.4	25.7	..	2.40
Intl Inc Tst	..	..	..	..
Japan Growth	33.2	35.2	+0.1	0.90
Pedigree Gth	24.1	25.6	+0.1	2.50
COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD				
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU 01-726 1999				
Energy Trust	48.0	51.8	-0.4	4.01
Extra Income	165.1	175.6●	+1.0	5.32
Financial	169.4	179.3	-0.1	2.31
Gilt Strategy	59.1	67.9●	..	1.98
Growth Investment	283.7	300.3	+0.6	2.56
Income & Growth	41.6	44.0●	+0.1	4.82
Japanese Growth	182.9	193.6	+0.5	0.64
Nth Amer Growth	106.6	112.8●	-0.3	1.44
Intl Recovery	114.5	121.1	-0.1	2.18
Smaller Co's	222.3	235.3	+0.7	1.67
Global Inc Tst	61.3	64.9c	-0.2	5.49
Special Sits Acc	288.2	305.0	..	1.49
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
High Income Trust	248.6	264.5	+0.7	4.94
Growth Trust	222.8	237.0	..	3.04
American Trust	128.2	137.4	-0.8	0.73
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL 07372 42424				
UK Income	48.0	51.3	+0.2	4.47
UK Growth Accum	48.6	52.0	+0.1	2.43
Do Dist	48.6	52.0	+0.1	2.43
European Growth	59.0	62.6	+0.3	1.83
Pacific Growth	53.5	57.2	-0.4	..
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh 031-226 3492				
American Fund	72.8	78.9●	-0.5	1.30
Capital Fund	100.3	106.8	+0.4	1.58
Growth & Inc Fund	129.8	138.3	+0.3	4.52
High Dist Fund	109.1	116.1●	+0.3	5.81
International Fund	209.5	223.1	-0.4	1.01
Resources Fund	25.2	26.8	+0.2	0.37
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	34.1	36.3	..	..
Tokyo Fund	160.7	171.1	-0.2	0.00
(Ex) Amer (2)	147.6	151.9	..	3.61
(Ex) Japan (3)	108.0	110.9c	+1.3	0.19
(Ex) Pacific (4)	307.7	316.2	..	0.32
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	200.6	208.3	..	0.10
Eurofund	29.3	31.2c	+0.2	3.21
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 521311				
UK Balanced Inc	70.4	74.7c	+0.3	3.17
Do Accum	71.4	75.8c	+0.2	3.13
UK Growth Accum	89.0	94.4	+0.6	2.17
UK High Inc Inc	67.3	71.4●	..	4.86
N American Accum	69.2	73.8	-0.3	0.70
Far Eastern Accum	105.9	113.0	+0.1	0.60
European Accum	91.2	97.3	+0.2	1.18
UK Gilt & Fl Inc	50.5	53.6c	..	9.14
Do Accum	52.1	55.3c	..	8.86
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
Admin Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LB 0708-66966				
Endurance	110.9	118.0	+2.6	3.04
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION				
35, Fountain St, Manchester 061-236 5685				
Equitable Pelican	75.2	80.1●	+0.5	3.43
High Income Trust	75.0	79.8●	+0.2	5.08
Gilt & Fixed Int	48.2	51.3	-0.3	9.26
Tst Of Inv Trusts	69.8	74.3	-0.1	1.64
Special Sits Trust	75.0	79.8	..	2.35
Nth Amer Trust	60.2	64.1	-0.4	1.68
Far Eastern Trust	92.4	98.4	+0.1	0.46
Intl Growth	54.9	58.5	..	1.10
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QD 0203 553231				
UK Growth Accum	149.1	158.6●	..	3.29
Do Income	127.9	136.0●	+0.1	3.29
Higher Inc Accum	249.4	265.3●	+0.1	4.53
Do Income	197.2	209.7●	+0.2	4.53
Gilt/Fixed Accum	92.3	97.1	-0.1	9.26
Do Income	76.4	80.4	..	9.26
Nth Amer Tst Accum	137.7	146.4	-0.6	0.02
Far East Tst Accum	167.3	177.9●	+1.4	0.13
Euro Tst Accum	175.1	186.2	+0.2	0.83
General Trust	238.4	253.6	..	3.39
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT				
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA 01-623 4680				
US Smaller Co's	71.5	76.1●	-1.2	0.24
Capital Fund	111.5	118.7	-0.1	0.27
UK Income Fund	75.3	80.2	-0.2	4.98
Far Eastern Fund	73.9	78.7	-0.1	0.00
Overseas Income	75.9	80.8c	-0.7	3.35
Fixed Interest	56.0	59.6c	..	9.00
Natural Res Fund	48.2	51.3	-0.1	3.33
European Income	86.5	92.2	+0.2	2.76
Financials Fund	48.2	51.3	-0.4	2.92
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041-332 3132				
Balanced Gth Inc	43.7	46.5	..	1.40
Do Accum	44.7	47.5	..	..
Income Gth Inc	41.0	43.6c	..	5.00
Do Accum	43.0	45.7c	..	..
Service Co's Inc	51.3	54.6●	..	1.00
Do Accum	52.2	55.5●	..	..
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY 0732 361144				
American	105.8	114.4●	-0.6	0.61
Amer Equity Income	35.3	37.9●	-0.3	4.40
Amer Special Sits	54.9	58.5	-0.3	0.70
Australia	32.2	34.1●	+1.3	0.43
European	44.8	47.5	+0.5	0.00
Far East Inc	35.9	38.0●	+0.2	4.05
Gilt & Fixed Int	28.1	29.3	-0.1	10.08
Growth & Income	95.0	101.7c	-0.5	4.70
Japan Special Sits	38.2	41.8	+0.4	..
Japan	139.7	148.5	+1.1	..
Managed Int	141.5	151.4	+0.4	0.01
Max Income Equity	81.1	87.3c	-0.1	5.17
Professional Gth	32.5	34.8	+0.1	2.37
South East Asia	41.3	44.0	+1.4	0.27
Special Sits	169.4	182.2	-1.1	0.80
FLEMING (ROBERT)				
8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 6AN 01-638 5858				
American Exempt	£371.6	378.1	+9.68	1.38
Japan Exempt	£438.9	447.7	+16.19	0.61
Am Property Tst	$10000.0		..	5.00
Property Trust	£2023.0	●	..	5.80
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ 01-628 5181				
Amer & Gen Inc	218.2	230.6	-1.9	..
Do Accum	223.0	235.6	-1.9	..
Amer Turnarnd Inc	206.2	218.2	-1.2	1.24
Do Accum	213.6	226.6	-1.3	1.24
Capital Tst Inc	204.0	215.8	+1.0	2.32
Do Accum	249.4	262.8	+1.1	2.32
Conv & Gilt Inc	87.4	92.4	..	5.84
Do Accum	118.4	123.0	..	5.84
Extra Inc Tst Inc	168.4	178.0	+0.2	4.84
Do Accum	180.4	190.8	+0.2	4.84
Income Trust	118.6	125.4●	+0.2	4.17
Do Accum	127.0	134.2●	+0.2	4.17
Int Growth Fd Inc	162.8	172.2●	-1.0	..
Do Accum	180.8	191.2●	-1.2	..
Japan & Gen Inc	91.0	96.2	-0.4	0.07
Do Accum	92.0	97.2	-0.2	0.07
Monthly Income Fd	82.8	87.6●	+0.2	4.98
Recovery	147.8	156.2	-0.3	1.46
Do Accum.	160.6	169.6	-0.4	1.46
European Inc	67.2	71.0	+0.2	0.81
Do Accum	67.2	71.0	+0.2	0.81
Financial Inc	47.2	49.8	-0.2	1.00
Do Accum	47.2	49.8	-0.2	1.00
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey 0306 885055				
FP Equity Dist	195.9	207.9●	..	2.82
Do Accum	329.8	350.1●	..	2.82
FP Fixed Int Dist	101.6	108.3●	+0.1	6.84
Do Accum	120.4	128.0●	+0.1	6.84
Stewardship Dist	169.6	180.0●	..	1.74
Do Accum	176.6	187.4●	..	1.74
FUNDS IN COURT				
Public Trustee Kingsway WC2 01-405 4300				
Capital	369.6	370.1	..	2.70
Gross Inc	154.1	158.0	..	7.34
High Yield	225.5	236.5	..	8.87
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Amer Special Sits	63.7	67.8	-0.1	1.10
UK Cap Fnd Inc	101.8	108.3	+0.3	2.70
Do Accum	146.2	155.6	+0.5	2.70
Income Fund	77.7	82.7	..	6.10
Pension Exempt	181.8	188.2	+0.2	1.70
International	174.6	186.8	..	0.80
US & General	55.9	59.6●	-0.6	0.80
Tech & Growth	63.7	67.8	-0.1	1.10
Japan & General	237.4	252.6	+1.8	0.10
Far East & Gen	121.0	128.6c	+1.1	0.40
European Fund	281.9	299.9	+3.0	0.30
Germany Fund	78.7	83.8●	+0.8	0.60
Intl Inc Fund	51.2	54.5●	-0.1	4.50
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP 01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-623 5806				
American Trust	87.0	92.4	..	0.55
Australian Trust	24.6	26.1	+0.2	0.22
British Tst Accum	62.2	66.1	+0.2	1.82
Do Dist	54.0	57.3	+0.2	1.82
Commodity Share	74.2	78.8c	+0.3	1.41
European Trust	57.2	60.7	+0.2	0.40
Extra Income Trust	49.2	52.3●	+0.5	5.11
Far Eastern Trust	144.2	153.1	-0.2	0.00
Fixed Interest Fund	25.2	26.8	..	10.08
Intl Fixed Int Tst	24.7	26.3	-0.1	8.71
Global Fund Accum	184.1	195.4●	+0.2	0.30
Do Dist	175.2	185.9●	+0.2	0.30
Gold Share Trust	15.2	16.2●	+0.1	1.51
Hedged American	32.3	34.2c	+0.2	0.48
High Income Trust	145.2	154.7	+0.6	5.61
Hong Kong Trust	36.8	39.2	..	1.20
Income Fund	79.1	84.0	+0.2	3.05
Insurance Agencies	£49.66	52.02	+0.22	2.01
Japan Trust	129.8	137.6	+0.1	0.00
Managed Exempt	257.8	268.6	+1.0	2.99
Oil & Energy Trust	34.6	36.9	+0.2	2.54
Special Sits Trust	98.6	104.7	-0.2	0.92
UK Smlr C's Rec Tst	75.6	80.5●	+0.5	0.75
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA 01-588 5620				
Intl Growth	85.2	90.6c	-0.2	1.16
American Growth	85.7	88.8	-0.8	0.89
American Inc	72.5	77.1	-0.8	4.48
European Growth	244.4	260.0●	+0.7	0.43
Gold & Minerals	45.5	48.6	-0.1	0.70
Japan Growth	155.7	165.5	-1.7	..
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN 01-588 5903				
Gilt & Fixed Int	108.5	112.9	-0.3	8.92
Growth Equity	194.6	206.0●	+0.6	2.11
Guardhill	268.6	279.3	+0.9	2.95
N American	146.4	155.0●	-0.6	1.36
Pacific	252.5	267.2●	+0.7	0.09
Property Share	276.6	282.7	..	1.36
Smaller Companies	218.5	229.2●	..	1.70
European Trust	277.8	294.0	+2.2	0.96
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ 01-623 9333				
High Income	60.2	63.9●	..	6.58
N Amer Trust	113.1	120.3	+0.3	0.78
Recovery	226.9	241.4●	+0.3	2.10
Gilt Trust	33.5	35.6●	..	9.85
St Vincent Inc	85.1	87.8	..	5.35
St Vincent US Gth	73.5	78.7	-1.0	0.73
Temple Bar Sm Co's	180.2	189.1	..	3.44
Euro Gth Tst	47.7	50.5	+0.1	0.80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Premier UT Admin, 5, Rayleigh Rd, Brentwood Essex 0277 217616				
Hambros Smlr Co's	136.7	145.0	-0.2	1.79
Hambros N Amer	66.1	70.1●	-0.3	0.93
Hambros Jap & F E	121.4	128.8●	-0.3	0.47
Hambros Scandnv	85.2	90.4	-0.1	0.86
Hambros European	108.4	115.0	+0.5	0.80
Hambros Canadian	49.0	52.0●	-0.7	1.25
Hambros Equity Inc	84.4	89.5●	+0.2	4.85
Hambros High Inc	59.4	63.0	..	5.89
Hambros Res Assts	62.7	66.5	-0.6	1.91
Hambros Intl Sits	54.9	58.2	-0.1	0.86
HENDERSON				
Premier UT Administration 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton Brentwood Essex 0277-217238				
Amer Recovery Tst	109.3	116.4●	+0.2	0.84
Amer Smaller Co's	50.8	54.3●	-0.5	0.01
Australian	80.5	85.7	+0.8	1.24
Capital Growth Inc	58.0	59.8	..	1.58
Do Accum	65.1	69.3	+0.1	1.58
European	282.3	300.3●	+1.1	0.60
Euro Inc Tst	48.8	51.2	-0.1	4.44
Euro Smaller Co's	104.8	111.5●	..	0.09
Extra Income	167.9	178.6c	+0.1	4.45
Financial Trust	155.7	165.6●	+0.2	2.59
Fixed Interest Tst	51.4	54.5c	..	10.21
Gilt Trust	39.1	41.4●	-0.1	9.93
Global Healthcare	71.8	76.1	-0.8	0.01
Global Resources	79.2	84.3	-0.8	3.37
Global Tech	112.3	119.8	-1.0	0.01
Gold	57.2	61.2	+0.5	2.53
High Income Tst	179.5	191.0●	+0.4	4.81
Hong Kong	68.4	72.8	-0.2	1.01
Income & Growth Inc	145.7	155.0●	+0.5	3.82
Do Accum	288.7	307.1●	+1.1	3.82
Income Assets	109.2	116.2	-0.2	3.92
International	184.4	196.4●	-0.08	0.56
Japan Special Sits	177.8	188.9	-0.6	0.01
Japan Tst	169.5	180.6	-8.4	0.01
North American	149.0	158.2	+1.2	0.62
Pacific Smaller Co's	79.3	84.4	-0.1	0.82
Pref & Gilt	45.9	48.9c	..	9.95
Recovery Tst	98.0	105.4	+0.2	2.50
Singapore & Malay	34.3	36.5	+0.2	2.49
Smaller Co's Div	112.7	120.0●	+0.5	4.88
Special Sits Inc	131.2	139.7	+0.3	1.31
Do Accum	185.5	197.9	+0.3	1.31
Worldwide	270.3	308.5●	..	2.90
Euro Exempt	130.1	142.2	+0.4	1.87
Global Tech Exempt	92.2	97.1●	-0.8	0.03
High Income Exempt	121.4	127.6●	..	4.87
Japan Exempt	168.0	174.7	-0.1	0.04
N Amer Exempt	88.0	93.6●	-0.1	1.34
Pacific Exempt	196.8	207.2●	-0.1	1.30
SmallerCo's Exempt	117.5	123.7●	..	2.13
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 01-686 4355 01-628 8011				
British Trust Units	536.5	567.8●	+0.2	3.17
Capital Trust Units	104.9	111.1	+1.5	2.63
Dollar Trust Units	193.2	204.6●	-0.6	2.38
European Trust	151.3	160.2	+1.6	0.95
Far East Trust	136.2	144.8	+0.2	0.59
Financial Trust	370.8	392.4	+0.2	2.75
Gilt Fixed Int Inc	26.3	27.4c	..	10.48
Do Growth	39.7	42.1	..	8.09
High Yield Trust	64.9	68.7●	+0.2	5.13
Income Trust	82.1	86.9●	-0.1	4.73
International	138.4	146.5	-0.3	1.77
Japan Tech Tst	38.7	41.0	-0.5	0.06
Natural Resources	36.6	38.8	+0.2	1.94
Security Trust	186.8	197.7	+0.8	3.14
Smaller Cos	88.3	93.5	+0.4	1.93
Special Sits	95.3	100.9	+0.3	2.50
US Smaller Cos	24.0	25.5	-0.2	0.96
IBI FUND MANAGERS				
32, Queen Annes Gate, London SW1H 9AB 01-222 1000				
IBI Brit & O'seas	141.6	149.9●	+0.4	1.70
IBI Inc Plus	57.0	60.4	..	9.30
IBI Capital Growth	58.0	61.4	..	1.90
Investment Tst Fnd	73.8	78.2●	+0.1	3.40
KEY FUND MANAGERS				
35, Fountain Street, Manchester (03038) 93384				
Equity & Gen	44.5	47.5	+0.3	1.90
Gilt & Fixed Int Fund	62.5	66.5	+0.2	10.84
Higher Inc	122.7	131.3c	+1.0	4.89
Income	51.0	54.4c	..	3.53
International	274.8	294.0c	+0.5	1.00
KLEINWORT BENSON				
'SEE BARRINGTON MGMT CO LTD'				
L & C UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
Piercy House, Copthall Ave, EC2R 7BE 01-588 2800				
Income Fund	441.2	450.3	..	5.35
International & Gen	257.5	262.6	..	1.02
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex 0277 234634				
Equity Distribution	269.3	283.3	..	2.57
Do Accum	421.1	448.0	..	2.57
Do Income	61.5	65.5	..	4.95
European	77.8	82.8	+0.2	1.59
Far Eastern	114.0	121.3	..	0.74
Gilt Trust	68.7	72.7●	-0.2	8.10
O'seas Equity	85.1	90.5c	-0.3	1.38
Natural Res	69.7	74.1●	+0.5	2.42
N American Trust	82.8	88.1	-0.7	1.51
UK Special Sits	62.9	66.9	+0.7	1.15
International Bond	47.3	50.3	..	6.96
Japanese Tst	49.2	52.3	+0.1	0.98
Managed Tst	47.6	50.6	..	2.95
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Registrars Dpt, Goring-By-Sea, Worthing, W Sussex 0444 459144				
Balanced	181.0	192.5●	-0.1	3.21
Do Accum	328.5	347.4●	-0.2	3.21
Conv Euro Gth Inc	50.0	..	..	..
Do Accum	50.0	..	..	..
Energy Intl	53.8	57.2	-0.5	2.91
Do Accum	60.3	64.1	-0.5	2.91
Extra Income	157.7	167.7●	+0.2	5.27
Do Accum	289.1	307.5●	+0.2	5.27
German Gth Inc	76.5	81.2●	+0.3	0.18
Do Accum	76.6	81.6●	+0.3	0.18
Income	269.9	287.1●	+0.2	4.70
Do Accum	542.3	576.8●	+0.4	4.70
Intl Tech	191.9	204.1●	..	0.29
Do Accum	200.8	213.6●	..	0.29
Japan Growth	78.4	83.4	..	0.02
Do Accum	78.6	83.6	..	0.02
N Amer & Gen	105.8	112.5	-0.4	1.13
Do Accum	114.3	121.5	-0.5	1.13
Pacific Basin	138.7	147.5	+0.4	0.26
Do Accum	144.8	154.0	+0.4	0.26
Smaller Cos & Rec	192.8	205.1●	+0.6	2.02
Do Accum	217.8	231.7●	+0.7	2.02
Worldwide Growth	211.8	225.3c	..	0.49
Do Accum	297.7	316.7c	..	0.49
UK Growth Fund	48.0	51.0c	..	2.01
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 52155				
General Trust	43.0	45.6●	+0.1	3.70
Income Trust	36.3	38.6	+0.1	6.30
International Trust	37.5	39.8	..	0.70
American	33.3	35.4c	-0.2	2.00
Japan	45.1	47.9	..	0.00
Trust of Inv	30.9	32.8●	..	2.20
M & G SECURITIES				
Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ 01-626 4588				
Amer & Gen Inc	228.7	241.3	-1.4	1.28
Do Accum	269.5	281.3	-1.7	1.28
Amer Recovery	244.0	257.4●	-1.7	0.58
Do Accum	264.9	281.6●	-1.9	0.58
Am Smaller Co Acc	57.0	60.1	-0.5	0.43
Australia Acc	118.9	127.2	+0.3	0.77
Commodity Acc	237.3	252.7	+1.1	3.01
Compound Growth	417.4	445.8	-1.1	3.14
Conversion Growth	352.2	365.5	-0.4	2.89
Do Inc	191.5	203.1	-0.1	5.82
Dividend Fund Inc	408.7	435.3●	-1.4	5.17
Do Accum	£12.23	13.03●	-0.04	5.17
European Acc	284.8	300.5	+3.1	0.95
Extra Yield Inc	231.3	244.0	-0.9	5.82
Do Accum	507.3	535.2	-2.1	5.82
Far Eastern Inc	157.5	167.7	-0.6	1.39
Do Accum	192.6	205.1	-0.7	1.39
Fund Of Inv Inc	257.7	271.9●	+0.1	2.85
Do Acc	408.7	431.2	+0.1	2.85
General Income	840.8	876.2	-1.2	3.89
Do Accum	£13.58	14.33	-0.02	3.89
Gilt & Fixed Int	55.1	57.9●	..	10.16
Do Accum	88.8	90.9●	-0.1	10.16
Gold Income	44.3	47.2	..	2.54
Do Accum	47.4	50.5	+0.1	2.54
High Income Inc	322.7	343.7	-0.5	5.40
Do Accum	874.1	930.9	-1.6	5.40
Intl Growth Inc	784.3	827.4	-2.2	1.96
Do Accum	£12.62	13.32	-0.03	1.96
Intl Inc	61.4	64.8●	-0.1	5.38
Japan Acc	833.4	879.2	-1.5	0.22
Japan Smaller Acc	83.6	88.8	-0.3	0.00
Midland & Gen Inc	572.8	604.3●	-1.9	4.19
Do Accum	£14.47	15.27●	-0.04	4.19
Recovery Fund Inc	365.6	384.1	-0.4	3.31
Do Accum	475.8	511.5	-0.6	3.31
Second Gen Inc	730.0	770.2	-0.4	2.72
Do Accum	£14.41	15.20	-0.00	3.72
Smaller Cos Inc	674.5	726.1	-0.8	2.89
Do Accum	£10.83	11.43	-0.00	2.89
Trustee Fund Inc	449.5	479.0●	-1.7	4.49
Chaibond Inc (3)	101.4	●	+0.11	11.72
Charifund Inc (2)	402.1	406.2c	..	5.68
Pension Exempt (1)	470.5	489.4●	..	4.36
NAACIF Inc (3)	37.0	●	-0.1	8.49
Do Accum (3)	498.3	c	-0.2	8.49
MIM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
74/78, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1JD 01-588 2777 Dealing:01-638 0478/9				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Growth Gth	59.3	60.2	+0.1	2.70
Smaller Co's	141.6	150.2	+0.3	1.39
UK Market Features	84.6	89.8	+0.1	1.75
Do Accum	88.6	94.0	+0.1	1.75
General Funds				
UK Growth	37.1	39.4●	..	2.29
Managed Inv	58.9	62.5	-0.1	2.81
High Income Funds				
Extra Inc	57.4	60.9	+0.2	7.25
Gilt	24.2	25.5	..	8.54
Inc & Growth	203.0	215.4●	+0.7	4.47
Nat High Inc	193.1	205.1	+0.7	5.27
Pref Shares	17.1	18.1●	-0.1	10.31
Sector Specialist Funds				
Commodity	142.0	150.7●	-1.2	1.75
Financial Secs	47.5	50.4c	..	1.13
Gold	57.1	61.2	-0.1	0.57
Do Accum	59.1	63.4	-0.1	0.57
Int Leisure	15.1	16.0c	-0.1	0.00
Prop Shares	64.7	68.8	-0.4	0.52
Univ Energy	44.6	47.3	-0.1	0.84
World Tech	42.7	45.3	-0.2	0.00
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	85.0	88.5●	+0.2	3.85
Overseas Growth Fund				
Amer Growth	104.8	111.2	-0.3	1.58
Aust Growth	75.4	80.0	-0.3	1.05
European Perf	93.2	98.9	+0.3	0.35
Do Accum	93.5	99.2	+0.3	0.34
Euro Smaller	17.3	18.4●	+0.2	0.74
Far East	58.4	62.0	+0.6	0.10
Hong Kong	33.6	35.6	..	1.27
Intl Growth	38.2	40.5●	..	1.17
Intl Recovery	109.2	115.9●	-0.3	0.47
Japan Perf	74.4	78.9	-0.1	0.00
Japan Smaller Cos	15.3	16.2	..	0.00
US Small Co	68.1	72.3●	-0.5	0.00
Do Accum	68.9	73.1●	-0.5	0.00
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl High Inc	56.1	59.5●	-0.1	5.04
US Income	59.5	63.2	-0.5	4.14
Do Accum	64.7	68.6	-0.5	4.14
NEL Trusts				
Nelstar Gilt	67.9	69.6	..	10.10
MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
99-100, Sandling Rd, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX 0622 674751				
MLA American	24.2	25.6	-0.1	0.97
MLA General	33.5	35.5c	..	2.10
MLA International	58.4	61.9●	-0.2	0.85
MLA Gilt Unit	21.3	22.5●	..	11.55
MLA Income	41.3	43.7●	+0.1	5.17
MLA European	32.0	33.9	+0.1	0.73
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT				
St Georges Way, Stevenage Herts 0438 356101				
Growth Units	75.3	80.0	+1.6	3.02
Gilt & Fixed Int	102.5	106.1	+1.1	7.84
High Income Units	114.1	121.3	+1.3	4.63
High Yield Gilt Unt	58.7	58.7	+0.3	9.11
Intl Growth Units	141.5	150.4	+4.9	0.36
N American Units	73.3	77.9	+1.5	0.77
Far East Units	94.4	100.3	+2.8	0.07
Smaller Cos Fund	72.2	76.7	+0.4	2.04
MENCAP UNIT TRUST				
Unicorn Hse, 252, Romford Rd, E7 01-234 5544				
Mencap	134.2	142.0●	-0.1	4.73
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33, King William St, EC4R 9AS 01-280 2860				
Amer Growth	96.2	101.7●	-0.5	1.35
Do Accum	100.3	106.1●	-0.6	1.35
Amer Income	51.9	54.9	-0.5	3.91
Do Accum	55.5	58.7●	+0.5	3.91
European Growth	142.7	151.0	+1.4	1.07
Do Accum	147.8	156.3	+1.5	1.07
General	244.9	259.1	+0.7	2.00
Do Accum	402.1	425.5	+1.2	2.00
Gilt & Fixed	80.9	81.3c	+0.1	8.37
Do Accum	91.1	91.8c	..	8.37
Income	85.2	90.1	-0.2	4.58
Do Accum	95.1	100.6	-0.2	4.55
International	265.6	281.3	-0.6	1.72
Do Accum	329.8	348.9	-1.0	1.72
Japan	178.7	189.1	-0.1	0.00
Do Accum	182.9	193.5	-0.1	0.00
Recovery	201.1	212.8●	+0.8	2.44
Do Accum	218.9	229.5●	+0.9	2.44
Exempt Dist	233.3	239.2	..	2.59
Exempt Accum	363.2	372.5	..	2.59
Euro Income Fund	81.7	86.4	+0.6	3.51
Do Accum	83.1	87.9	+0.6	3.51
MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Courtwood Hse, Silver St, Head, Sheffield S1 3RD 0742 769842				
Capital Income	77.8	82.3	+0.2	2.56
Do Accum	105.4	112.1	+0.3	2.56
Commodity & Gen	125.5	133.2●	+0.1	2.77
Do Accum	178.6	189.5●	-0.1	2.77
Extra High Inc	58.3	61.8	..	8.05
Do Accum	69.0	73.2	..	8.05
Gilt & Fixed Inc	50.1	52.3c	-0.1	8.89
Do Accum	82.9	86.5c	-0.3	8.89
High Yield	154.3	163.7●	+0.2	5.77
Do Accum	267.9	284.2●	+0.3	5.77
Income	172.5	183.0	+0.2	3.86
Do Accum	286.7	303.1	+0.3	3.86
Japan & Pacific	287.7	305.2	-0.3	0.08
Do Accum	301.7	320.7	-0.3	0.08
N American Inc	116.1	123.1●	-1.0	1.13
Do Accum	138.5	148.1●	-1.2	1.13
Euro Gth Inc	135.0	143.2●	+0.5	1.38
Do Accum	162.8	172.5●	+0.7	1.38
Managed Portfolio	52.9	55.9	..	3.62
Smaller Cos Inc	118.5	126.0	-0.1	2.20
Do Accum	126.6	134.5	-0.1	2.20
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
163, Hope Street, Glasgow G2 2UH 041 221 9252				
American	123.1	131.4	-0.7	2.91
European	272.3	290.6	+1.0	1.35
Smaller Cos	218.1	232.8●	+0.8	1.22
NATIONAL PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH 01-623 4200 Ext 289				
NPI UK	198.2	210.9●	+0.1	3.30
Do Accum	323.7	344.4●	+0.1	3.30
NPI Overseas	634.3	664.2	-1.6	1.10
Do Accum	784.5	813.3	-2.1	1.10
Far East Acc	90.6	96.1	-0.3	0.60
American Acc	61.3	65.3c	-0.1	1.49
European Acc	58.6	62.4	+0.1	0.80
Worldwide Acc	54.1	57.6	-0.1	1.10
NORWICH UT MANAGERS				
PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG 0603 622200				
Group Trust	£12.20	12.84	..	3.63
Intl Trust	148.6	147.9●	-0.3	1.27
OPPENHEIMER TRUST MANAGEMENT				
66, Cannon Street, London EC4N 6AE dealings 01-236 3885/6/7/8/9/0				
International Growth	149.8	160.2	+8.7	0.36
Income & Growth	57.6	61.9	+0.1	3.66
Worldwide Rec	92.4	98.8	+0.4	0.65
American Growth	33.0	35.3	-0.3	..
Japan Growth	54.5	58.0●	-0.1	0.00
European Growth	74.2	79.4	+0.5	0.03
UK Growth	53.0	56.7c	+0.1	1.53
Pacific Growth	46.8	49.8c	-0.4	..
High Income	34.0	36.4	+0.1	7.35
Financial Income	60.0	64.2	..	1.89
Do Accum	110.1	117.6	..	1.89
PEARL TRUST				
252, High Holborn, WC1V 7EB 01-405 8441				
Growth Fund Inc	90.6	96.6	+0.2	2.42
Do Accum	136.4	145.1	+0.4	2.42
Income Fund	122.5	130.3	+0.3	3.79
Intl Equity Inc	139.7	148.8	..	1.36
Do Accum	140.9	149.9	+0.1	1.36
Unit Trust Inc	130.0	138.3c	+0.3	2.85
Do Accum	225.2	239.6c	+0.6	2.85
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames 0491 576868				
Intl Growth	277.6	295.3●	-0.7	0.69
Income	189.9	202.3●	+1.2	4.65
Worldwide Rec	182.0	192.3	+0.2	1.32
Amer Growth	67.8	72.4	-0.4	0.93
Intl Emerg Co's	79.6	85.0	+0.1	0.53
Far East Grwth	61.3	65.8c	-0.3	0.78
European Gth	61.4	65.8●	+0.6	1.27
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
222, Bishopsgate, London EC2 01-247 7544/7				
International	123.3	131.2	-0.2	0.95
High Income	61.1	65.4●	..	4.30
Conv & Gilt	97.1	103.3●	+0.1	6.09
Far Eastern	176.1	188.4	+0.2	0.02
North American	129.9	139.0	-0.9	0.07
Special Sits	69.7	74.6c	+0.1	1.75
Technology	116.3	124.4c	..	0.06
Extra Income	88.9	95.1	+0.2	4.84
Euro Gth & Inc	47.0	50.0	..	3.25
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
51-59, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex. IG1 2DL 01-478 3377				
Holborn Equity	408.4	433.7●	+0.2	3.12
European	110.3	116.7●	+0.4	0.62
Holborn Comms	52.5	56.3	-0.1	0.86
Holborn High Inc	64.8	68.3	+0.2	6.34
Holborn Intl	103.9	109.9	-0.3	0.76
Japanese	99.7	105.5	-0.7	0.05
N American	76.6	80.9●	-0.9	0.80
Holborn Spec Sits	64.8	68.6c	+0.6	1.59
Holborn UK Growth	80.8	85.5	+0.1	2.05
Holborn Gilt Trust	177.0	184.6	+0.2	2.56
Holborn Smlr Cos	49.0	51.8	+0.1	2.20
QUILTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY				
31-45 Gresham St, London EC2V 7LH 01-600 4177				
Quadrant General	438.2	463.8	..	2.83
Quadrant Income	344.0	259.3	..	5.25
Quadrant Intl Fd	412.8	436.9	..	1.59
Quadrant Recovery	271.4	287.3	..	2.43
NM ROTHSCHILD ASSET MANAGEMENT				
St Swithins Lane, London EC4P 4DU 01-280 5456				
NC Income	87.8	93.1●	+0.1	4.04
NC Japan	185.2	197.3	+0.8	0.01
NC Major UK Co	51.6	54.9●	..	1.91
NC Smaller Aus	65.0	69.1	..	1.36
NC American Inc	281.5	299.4	-0.9	1.17
Do Accum	307.3	326.9	-1.0	1.17
NC Smaller Cos	143.1	152.2	+0.5	1.92
NC Smlr Europ Co's	199.4	212.1c	+0.5	0.34
NC Exempt Gilt	£116.0	121.0●	..	9.44
ROWAN UNIT TRUST				
33 King William Street, London EC4R 9AS 01-606 5578				
American (4)	220.0	224.0●	..	1.99
Securities (2)	712.0	727.0	..	2.18
High Yield (5)	172.0	175.5●	..	7.03
Merlin (3)	429.0	437.0	+15.0	2.16
Fixed Interest	154.5	155.5	..	2.66
High Interest	110.0	111.0	..	13.78
Far East (2)	236.5	240.0	..	0.05
ROYAL LIFE FUND MANAGEMENT				
New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051-227 4422				
Equity Trust	60.5	64.0●	-0.1	2.82
Intl Trust	77.5	82.0	+0.1	1.38
Gilt Trust	24.4	25.6c	+0.1	8.98
US Trust	34.3	36.2	-0.1	1.88
Pacific Basin Tst	44.7	47.3●	..	0.48
20 Clifton St, London EC2 01-920 0311				
Equity Dist	114.9	121.8c	+0.3	1.63
Do Accum	161.5	171.0c	+0.5	1.63
High Income Trust	89.2	94.4	+0.2	4.49
Do Accum	106.0	112.2	+0.2	4.49
US Growth	58.4	61.9	-0.3	0.93
Do Accum	59.6	63.1	-0.4	0.93
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Royal London House, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 576115				
American Growth	85.2	90.7	-0.8	0.82
London UK Gth	173.6	184.7c	+0.3	2.20
Gilt Income	51.3	54.0●	-0.1	8.56
High Income	78.3	83.4●	..	4.94
Income & Growth	97.5	103.6●	+0.1	4.31
Japan Growth	89.2	94.5●	-0.1	0.03
Special Sits	112.8	120.0	..	1.26
SAVE & PROSPER				
28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB (Romford) 0708-66966				
Amer Inc & Growth	69.0	73.3●	-0.5	7.02
Capital Units	105.2	111.9	+0.1	1.23
Commodity	55.8	59.3	-0.3	0.77
European Growth	121.1	128.8●	+1.5	0.58
Financial Secs	98.4	104.6c	-0.4	1.94
High Return Units	184.9	196.7	-0.1	5.03
High Yield Units	164.5	174.9	+0.1	4.53
Income Units	93.9	99.8	-0.2	5.92
Investment Trust	92.2	98.0●	+0.1	2.47
Japan Growth	97.0	103.1	-0.3	0.00
[illegible] Smaller Cos	114.7	124.1	-0.1	0.00
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	..	2.83
[illegible]	132.3	[illegible]	-0.4	2.44
Scotshares	149.7	159.2c	+0.1	4.20
Scotyields	154.1	163.9	..	4.57
Select International	81.7	85.9●	-0.3	1.13
Smaller Co's Inc	158.4	168.5	+0.6	4.48
Special Situations	97.6	103.6	-0.2	1.72
UK Equity	178.6	189.9	-0.6	2.95
US Growth	74.6	78.5	-0.5	1.29
Universal Growth	91.6	97.4●	-0.2	1.14
SCHRODER UNIT TRUST				
Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
American Acc	136.3	145.0●	-0.7	0.78
Australia Acc	78.7	84.1	+1.8	1.18
European Inc	131.3	139.6●	+0.5	0.90
Do Accum	136.5	144.1●	+0.5	0.90
Gilt & Fixed Inc	51.1	53.8	..	9.13
Gold Fund Inc	37.2	39.5●	+0.3	1.90
Do Accum	39.2	41.7●	+0.4	1.90
Income	180.5	192.0c	-0.2	5.09
Intl Income	121.1	128.8●	+0.5	0.28
Do Accum	167.6	178.2●	+0.7	0.28
Jap Smlr Co's Ac	133.5	142.0	-0.8	0.00
Sing & Malay Acc	68.8	73.2●	..	0.78
Smaller Co Inc Acc	138.6	147.6c	+0.2	1.14
Special Sits Inc	102.9	109.4●	+0.8	0.99
Do Accum	107.5	114.3●	+0.7	0.99
Tokyo Fund Inc	221.7	235.6	-0.7	0.00
Do Accum	224.0	238.2	-0.8	0.00
US Smaller Co's Ac	52.1	55.4●	-0.6	0.00
UK Equity Inc	103.4	109.9	-1.1	3.29
Do Accum	160.4	170.6	-1.6	3.29
Far East Gth Accum	61.0	64.8	-0.6	0.50
Extra Inc	61.9	65.8	-0.1	7.50
SCIMITAR ASSET MANAGEMENT				
33-36 Gracechurch St London EC3V 0AX 01-623 3776/8711				
UK Equity Inc	23.2	24.7	-1.4	5.05
Do Acc	24.7	26.0	-0.3	4.97
Euro Tst Inc	28.8	30.5c	+0.5	0.35
Do Acc	28.8	30.5c	+0.4	0.35
Global Gth Inc	29.3	31.2●	+0.2	0.35
Do Acc	29.3	31.2●	+0.2	0.35
Managed Exempt	119.2	124.2	..	3.16
Pacific Basin	25.0	26.3	+1.1	1.00
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE				
28, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh 031-556 9101				
Intl Income Units	153.6	162.8●	..	2.88
Do Accum	230.7	245.4●	..	2.88
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	178.6	191.1●	+0.2	1.84
American	150.3	161.4●	-0.9	1.28
Pacific	194.6	208.2●	+0.2	0.05
European	265.0	283.5●	+1.1	0.51
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041-248 6100				
UK Equity	168.0	178.8	+0.1	3.09
Gilt & Fixed	108.5	113.2	-0.3	9.25
UK Smlr Co's Eq	130.2	138.5	+0.5	2.25
European	221.4	235.5●	+5.7	0.97
N American	118.9	126.5	+1.3	1.54
Pacific	187.3	198.3	+1.5	0.44
SCOTTISH UNIT TRUST				
29, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031-226 4372				
Pacific	68.2	72.4	..	0.00
World Growth	39.1	41.6●	..	0.78
N American	33.1	35.2	-0.3	0.03
Income Fund	45.4	48.2●	-0.1	4.95
European	48.7	51.7	+0.5	0.77
N Amer Inc	27.4	29.1●	-0.1	1.83
UK Growth	30.8	32.7●	-0.2	2.05
Extra Inc	32.6	34.7c	..	5.46
SCOTTISH WIDOWS				
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031-655 6000				
Pep Eq Inc	228.5	243.2	-1.5	3.01
Do Accum	257.1	284.2	-1.7	3.01
SENTINEL FUNDS MANAGEMENT				
30, City Rd, London EC1Y 2AY 01-638 6011				
Amer Tech & Gen	103.1	109.8	-1.2	0.54
Pacific	205.6	219.0	-2.0	0.00
Sec Income Fnd	170.0	181.0●	+0.2	4.54
Special Situations	229.7	235.0●	+1.4	1.49
Intl Growth	42.4	45.2	+0.2	0.16
American Majors	74.0	78.6c	-0.3	1.28
Small Co's	42.1	44.8	+0.3	1.57
Japan Tech & Gen	108.6	113.7	..	0.00
International Income	57.3	61.9●	..	5.88
Exempt	580.9	608.2	..	2.25
UK General	35.4	37.7●	+0.2	3.83
Euro Growth	41.4	44.1	+0.1	0.32
Euro Income	47.3	50.3●	+0.1	4.60
STANDARD LIFE				
3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Income Units	24.8	26.1	-0.3	2.67
Do Accum Units	27.5	29.3	-0.3	2.67
STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031-226 3271				
American Fund	220.9	235.3●	-1.8	1.74
Do Accum	240.6	255.9●	-2.5	1.74
Do Withdrawal	151.7	161.7●	+0.4	1.74
Australian Fund	131.3	139.9	+0.9	0.91
Do Accum	133.5	142.3	+0.9	0.91
British Fund	590.1	628.5	+2.3	4.40
Do Accum	809.6	861.5	+3.0	4.40
European Fund	333.9	355.7●	+1.1	0.69
Do Accum	352.5	375.3●	+1.2	0.56
Japan Fund	63.7	67.8	-0.7	0.21
Do Accum	64.0	68.1	-0.7	0.21
Saints PPP	176.6	186.9	..	..
SUN ALLIANCE				
Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex 0403 56293				
Equity Trust Acc	386.5	411.1	+0.1	2.64
N Am Trust Acc	62.3	66.2	-0.5	1.27
Far East Trust Acc	86.7	92.2	-0.1	0.39
Worldwide Bond	52.0	55.3	-0.2	6.63
European	56.3	59.9	+0.3	1.92
Equity Inc Tst	47.1	50.0	..	5.60
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
2,3,4, Cockspur Street, London SW1Y 5BH Dealing no:01-930 2802				
UK Income	25.0	26.5	+0.1	4.69
Do Growth	23.8	25.3	-0.1	3.01
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Keens House, Andover, Hants, SP10 1PG 0264 56789 Dealings: 0264 63432/3/4				
American Inc	118.3	125.9	+1.1	1.52
Do Accum	124.3	132.3	+1.1	1.52
Extra Income Inc	116.2	123.6	-0.1	5.36
Do Accum	139.5	148.5	-0.1	5.36
General Unit Inc	188.6	198.8	+1.1	2.87
Do Accum	261.2	277.8	+1.6	2.87
Gilt & Fixed Inc	44.8	46.7●	..	9.87
Do Accum	60.3	62.9●	-0.1	9.87
Income	215.7	229.5●	-3.6	4.35
Accum	342.1	364.0●	-0.1	4.35
Pacific Inc	178.9	190.4	+1.9	0.82
Do Accum	184.5	196.6	+1.9	0.82
Intl Inc	337.0	358.5●	+3.2	1.11
Do Accum	419.1	445.9●	+3.9	1.11
Selected Opps Inc	85.5	89.7	+0.4	1.87
Do Accum	72.4	77.1	+0.5	1.87
Natural Res	54.9	58.5●	-0.1	1.35
Do Accum	57.9	60.7●	..	1.35
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS				
Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks (0296) 394000				
Amer Eagle	74.4	78.0c	-0.4	0.09
Australian	21.3	22.6	+0.4	0.10
Commodity	85.1	90.3●	..	1.09
Energy	29.0	31.0	..	1.51
Equity	127.8	136.9	-0.1	3.51
European Spec Sits	119.5	127.1	+0.4	0.64
Extra Income	117.4	124.6	+0.6	5.72
Financial	268.9	285.5	+0.4	1.86
Gilt Income	92.4	97.2●	-0.1	8.92
Gold Income	71.3	75.7●	+0.1	0.86
Do Accum	130.9	139.1●	+0.1	0.86
Income	86.5	91.3c	..	4.35
Japan	97.6	103.2	+0.3	0.19
Malay & Singapore	34.9	38.5	..	0.92
Pacific Inc	108.4	116.1	+0.3	0.91
Do Reinvest	134.5	142.8	-0.4	0.91
Pref Share Fd	17.2	18.3●	..	8.87
UK Capital	72.6	76.6	+0.2	1.33
Special Sits	85.7	91.3	-0.2	0.88
Technology	42.7	45.5	+0.1	0.10
World Income	63.9	67.9●	..	4.17
Worldwide Capital	145.5	155.6	+0.3	1.15
Equity Ex (3)	88.2	91.7●	..	2.02
Do Accum (3)	162.4	172.8●	..	2.02
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Park House 16 Finsbury Circus London EC2M 7DJ 01-374 4595				
Far East & Gen	83.9	88.7	+0.3	0.77
Japan & Gen	51.9	55.5	-0.1	0.01
Nth Amer & Gen	50.1	53.5	-0.3	0.84
Oriental Inc	..	..	..	..
Pacific Tech	52.8	56.5	-0.5	0.88
Tiger	71.5	76.4	+0.3	0.05
UK & Gen	41.3	44.1	-0.2	2.28
Oriental Acc	23.7	25.2	-0.1	2.36
3i UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP 01 928-3355				
Smaller Co's	65.6	70.0	-0.2	0.00
TOUCHE REMNANT				
Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT 01-248 1250				
American Growth	41.7	44.4	..	0.50
General Growth	51.4	55.9	..	2.30
Global Tech	43.7	46.8●	..	0.10
Income Growth	61.9	65.8	+0.1	4.43
Income Monthly	47.2	50.5●	-0.1	6.29
Japan Growth	48.0	51.3c	+0.4	0.12
Max Equity Inc	24.5	26.1	..	2.38
Do Accum	24.5	26.1	..	2.38
O'seas Growth	51.2	54.8●	..	0.75
Smaller Cos	63.5	67.9	-0.2	2.19
Special Opps	76.1	81.4	-0.2	1.88
TYNDALL MANAGERS LTD				
401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494				
Australian	64.3	68.8●	+0.9	1.27
Capital	319.1	338.0●	+0.5	3.07
Europe Growth Acc	119.2	126.9	+0.3	0.95
Exempt	292.0	308.3●	..	5.46
Far Eastern	183.9	196.8	-0.2	0.29
Fin & Prop	58.3	62.2	-0.1	2.88
Gilt Capital	112.0	115.5	-0.1	7.14
Gilt Income	93.3	96.0c	-0.1	10.39
High Yield	54.9	58.2●	..	5.84
Income	240.0	254.2c	+0.3	4.73
Intl Earnings	165.8	176.3	-0.4	2.70
Intl Growth Inc	83.4	88.8	-0.1	0.61
Japan Growth Acc	731.0	765.8c	+1.2	4.79
Nat Resources Inc	187.7	210.5●	+1.4	1.59
Nth Amer Gth Inc	118.2	124.3	-0.7	0.80
Preference Inc	112.7	118.4●	-0.1	10.76
Small Co's Div Inc	60.2	63.8	+0.1	5.76
Small Co's Inc	189.9	211.2	+0.4	1.94
Special Sits Inc	105.0	111.2●	+0.8	2.06
UK PROVIDENT UT MANAGERS				
UK House, Castle St, Salisbury SP1 3SH 0722 336242				
UK Equity	122.1	129.4	+0.2	..
Pacific Basin	158.7	168.2	-0.7	..
N Amer	125.6	134.1	-0.9	..
VANGUARD TRUST				
65 Holborn Viaduct EC1A 2EU General Enquiries 01-236 3053 Dealing Line 01-236 2488				
Growth Inc	187.5	199.5	+0.2	2.33
Do Accum	275.8	293.5	+0.5	2.33
High Yield	208.8	220.2	+3.2	4.88
Do Accum	214.6	228.2	+0.8	4.86
Special Sits	41.4	44.0	+0.2	2.54
Do Accum	41.7	44.3c	+0.2	2.54
Trustee	139.9	149.9	+0.5	4.16
Do Accum	214.3	228.0	+0.7	4.16
Amer & Gen	63.5	67.6	-0.3	1.75
Do Accum	63.7	67.8	-0.3	1.75
Master Portfolio	232.88	64.28●	+0.00	2.48
Do Accum	283.23	84.85	+0.00	2.48
Abing Rdin Asts (5)	121.5	129.5	..	2.29
Do Accum	122.3	129.2	..	2.29
Far East & Gen Inc	55.1	58.7	-0.2	0.00
Do Accum	55.1	58.7	-0.2	0.00
Euro Fund Inc	50.1	53.3	+0.2	0.76
Do Acc	50.1	53.3	+0.2	0.76
WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Wardley House, 7, Devonshire Sq, London EC2 01-929 1532				
American Trust	67.3	72.0	-0.5	1.80
Far East & Gen	114.7	121.4	-0.4	0.58
Intl Growth	76.5	81.0	+1.0	0.40
Income Trust	82.7	88.0●	-0.2	5.90
Japan Growth	127.7	136.6●	..	0.10
Small Companies	109.4	117.1	..	2.80
Technology	37.4	40.0●	-0.1	0.10
Australia	47.8	50.2	+0.2	1.30
UK Trust	134.9	142.8c	..	2.40
European Growth	69.2	73.7	+0.1	0.20
Hong Kong	30.4	32.2	..	1.30
WAVERLEY ASSET MANAGEMENT				
13, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031-225 1551				
Australian Gold	26.9	28.6	+0.8	0.15
Pacific Basin	21.3	22.6●	+0.1	0.20
Canadian Bal Gth	58.9	60.5●	-0.5	0.00
Ginnie Mae Fnd	£104.3	108.5c	+0.3	8.80
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey La EC2 8BT 01-606 9085/6				
Sht Dtd Gilt Fnd	66.5	69.6	..	0.00
US Govt Bond Fd	£51.8	51.8	..	..
Challenger	48.8	50.0	..	2.00
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD 01-405 8331				
Conv & Equity	49.9	52.2●	..	7.83
Income	55.7	59.3	..	4.95
Growth	53.5	57.0	..	2.15

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
14½	8½	A & M Gp	10½	11½	+½	0.6e	5.5	15.7
65	46	ATA Selection	58	62	●	2.1	3.5	16.1
138	98	Abbeycrest	130	134	●+2	3.6	2.7	18.8
64	33	Aberdeen Stk Hse	48	53	+1	1.7e	3.3	14.2
143	45	Access Satellite				4.6		
82	34	Acorn Comp	39	41	-1			2.8
19	8½	Actas Jewellery	15	17				8.8
22	14	Adam Leisure	14	18	-1			1.9
195	90	Airspring	88	93	+1	7.7	8.5	..
445	235	Alida	270	280	-5	9.6	3.5	15.5
233	121	Anglia Secure Hms	231	234		2.3	1.0	32.3
121	58	Antler	108	112				
155	8½	Appletree	148	153		2.9	1.9	14.5
368	210	App Holographics	345	347	-2			
320	185	Do Wrnts	300	310				
355	220	Aspen Comms	315	320		4.4	1.4	33.1
169	102	Aspinall	103	105		8.8	8.3	5.6
620	27	Asprey	550	580	+10	14.3	2.5	16.2
40	27	Assoc Energy	29	31	-1		..	7.4
233	155	ASD	162	172	-3	11.4	6.8	7.2
145	122	Atlas Equipment	142	147	+2	7.0	4.8	13.2
95	81	Automagic	85	90	-3	8.6	9.8	15.5
70	65	BBB Design	63	68		1.4	2.2	15.6
43½	39	BCE	42½	44	+1	1.4	3.2	14.5
238	185	BPP	195	205		7.1	3.6	16.3
85	70	BTS Gp	74	78	+1	5.7	7.5	9.0
120	58	Bedford (William)	115	120		8.4	5.4	10.8
28	16¼	Bennett & Fountain	23½	24½	●-½	0.7	2.9	20.2
53	37	Bessons Crisps	45	50				13.5
17½	9	Berkeley & Hay	14½	15	-½			25.4
68	26	Berkeley Exp	62	64	-½			8.8
123	122	Berry Birch & Noble	120	123	-1	6.0	4.9	14.2
156	143	Bickton&Batterson	140	145		5.3	3.7	17.7
24	10	Bio Isolates	15	17	-1			
34	18	Biomechanics	31	33	+1			
44	39	Bipel	40	41		1.8	4.4	10.1
133	98	Blanchards	112	118	●-2	6.4	5.6	12.4
141	140	Blenheim Exhib	138	143	+1	3.0	2.1	21.7
277	165	Bluebird Toys	255	280		5.0	1.9	20.0
160	133	Bortaso	137	140	-7			
27	18	Brewmaker	20	22	●+1	1.1	5.2	11.1
195	85	Brikat	88	93	+1	6.0	6.6	7.4
200	1	Bront	88	99	+93	5.4	5.7	9.5
250	150	Br Bloodstock	150	160		12.6	8.1	7.3
59	48	Br Island	51½	54½		4.0	7.5	9.6
59	42	Broad St	47	49		1.6	3.3	..
358	180	Brookmount	325	340	-2	5.0	1.5	18.2
180	56	Brown (Charlie)	177	182	●+2	4.3	2.4	20.6
345	195	Bryant (Derek)	222	228	+2	11.6b	5.2	8.0
3½	2	Bula Resources	2¼	3				
103	73	CCA Galleries	85	90		3.4	3.9	13.1
180	130	CML Micro	165	175	+5	2.6	1.5	17.5
36	5¼	CPS Comp	5¾	6½		1.4	22.4	3.3
42	25	CPU Comp	28	30	-1			17.4
175	130	CVD	163	167	●+23			
210	85	Caledonian Oil	142	147	-5			
69	62	Camotech	63	68		2.9	4.5	13.3
182	88	Cannon Street Inv	171	174	-1	3.6	2.1	25.7
141	74	Chancery Secs	131	134	-5	3.1	2.3	16.0
205	83	Checkpoint Europe	155	165	+3			14.0
161	125	Chelsea Man	147½	152½		3.1	2.1	24.6
13	6½	Chem Methods	10	11½		3.0	27.3	
253	158	Cheshire W	230	235	●	5.2	2.2	24.8
21¼	8½	Cifer	18	19½		e	..	2.8
98	88	Citygrove	95	100	+2	3.6	3.7	14.9
44	25	Cityvision	39	42	+2			
775	475	Cityvision 7%	715	735				
115	67	Circaprint	73	78	-2	1.5	2.0	8.7
173	146	Clarke Hooper	148	153	+1	3.3	2.2	20.4
38	14	Clogau Gold	27	28½	+1			
55	25	Cliff Oil Hldgs	47	50	-1			
120	87	Coated Electrodes	115	120	+5	5.6	4.7	13.7
88	53	Cobra Emerald	58	65				
143	21	Colne	140	145		3.9	2.7	15.7
133	21	Colorgen Inc	27	32				
175	123	Comp Financial	155	160	●	3.3	2.1	20.0
53	30	Compsoft	42	47				7.5
150	84	Consultants	148	150		1.8	1.2	28.8
58	38	Cons Tem Ins	38	42		7.1e	17.8	26.8
320	143	Cond Microwave	165	175	5	3.2	1.9	20.0
115	93	Cawells	100	105	●	3.7	3.6	14.3
133	93	CPW	99	102		2.5	2.6	14.5
430	308	Crampham	405	420	●	8.8	2.1	18.2
75	46	Cranbrook	50	55	-2	0.7e	1.3	14.0
114	98	Cranswick	104	108	-1	7.6	7.2	9.2
113	75	Craton Lodge	80	85	-3	2.8	3.4	17.5
198	178	Creighton Labs	178	183	-2	5.3	2.9	22.1
82	66	Crown TV Prods	70	75	-2			
157	78	Cresta	150	153	●	1.5	1.0	16.9
73	43	DBE Tech	42	47				41.7
140	83	DJ Sec Alarms	92	97	-10	2.1	2.2	7.6
85	62	Dawn	65	70	●-2	1.4	2.1	11.9
216	190	Dawes (GY)	196	199		4.9	2.5	22.1
84	55	Dean & Bowes	76	79	+1	2.9	3.7	19.0
27	21	De Brett (Arrow)	23½	25½		0.4	1.6	12.3
188	131	Dektor	164	167	+1	5.7	3.4	
57	40	Delmar	44	46		2.9	6.4	8.9
138	108	Dencora	112	117		2.9	2.5	15.9
115	70	Deemark Elec	83	93	-2	5.4	6.1	8.7
135	68	Dewey Warren	70	73	-1	10.7e	14.9	4.9
285	175	Dialene	275	285	-5	7.0	2.5	15.3
478	375	Druck	470	485		6.3	1.3	22.8
58	39	Eadie	46	49		2.5	5.2	14.9
148	104	Ealing Elect Optics	123	128		3.1	2.5	21.9
37	11	Ecobric	19	20½		0.4e	2.0	14.9
375	238	Ecc Fund	267	272		9.3	3.4	16.1
41	22	Eden Oil & Gas	30	32	r	e		77.5
431	322	Eldridge Pope A	427	430	-3	9.8	2.2	19.8
148	108	Electrical House	123	128	●-2	4.9	3.9	16.5
100	72	Electronic Data P	96	100	-2	2.3	2.3	14.3
45	24	Ennor	43	45				
18	6	Entertainment Prod	13	14	-1	1.4	10.8	5.8
215	122	Eucalu	160	170	+2	7.1	4.3	13.8
115	103	Eve Construction	110	115	-3	8.4	5.7	12.6
375	138	FII	370	380				
380	151	FKB Gp	345	349	+2	3.6	1.5	20.0
181	140	F & H Group	138	143	-3			
99	51	Feedback	62	67	-1	3.9	6.0	23.4
73½	17½	Fergebrook	17	18½		.. e	.	1.5
133	93	Fields (Mrs)	125	130		..	..	
73	53	Fletcher Dennys	52	57	-1	3.6	6.5	12.8
65	31	Flexitech	48	52		..		8.8
278	100	Flogas	275	280	+6	25.6	92.1	..
60	30	Floyd Oil	38	40	+1	..	..	16.0
88	80	Ford & Weston	80	83	..	4.3	5.2	9.8
240	130	French Conn	170	180	●+2	7.5	4.3	11.4
136	65	Freshbake	130	132	..	2.7	2.1	21.9
362	210	Fuller Smith 'A'	350	360	-3	5.9	1.7	18.4
160	94	Gabicci	140	145	-2	4.3	3.8	18.8
150	78	Gee (Cecil)	80	85	-2	3.7	4.5	..
47	35	Gee/Rosen	39	42	+1	2.4	5.9	12.4
90	72	Gibbon Lyons	85	90	●-2	5.2	5.9	15.2
213	180	Gibbs Mew	203	213	+31	5.1	2.5	22.8
100	11	Gilbert House	80	85	-2			
50	32	Global Gp	46	49	● ..	3.9	8.1	7.6
186	67	Godwin Warren	80	82	●-2	3.1	3.4	13.0
155	88	Goodhead Print	145	150		4.3	2.9	16.5
128	95	Gould (Laurence)	110	115	-2	5.3	4.7	9.1
91	58	Granyte Surface	65	70	●-2	3.0	4.4	11.9
167	155	Great Southern	163	166	-1	7.4	4.5	14.1
168	118	Green (Ernest)	165	170	●+2	4.9	2.9	16.1
40	19	Greenwich Cable	37	40	-1			
135	81½	Grosvenor Sq	118	123		8.6	7.1	9.7
190	160	Guernsey Atlantic	185	195		3.5	1.8	55.9
98	58	Hamedan Homecare	80	85	● ..	2.1	2.5	13.3
295	133	Harvey & Thornp	290	300	+5	8.6	2.9	19.4
268	196	Havelock Europa	261	265	+10	5.7	2.2	24.6
47	26	Health Care	45	47		1.1	2.4	18.3
462	383½	Heavitree	450	480		12.3	2.7	17.9
400	293½	Do 'A' LV	390	400		12.3	3.1	15.5
150	143½	Henderson Prime	140	150				
415	180	High-Point	155	185		2.5	1.6	19.8
205	45	Highland Pan	60	66	+1			
91	71	Hile Ergonom	73	78	-2	2.9	3.8	12.2
42½	7	Hobson	40½	42				
140	105	Hodgson	137	140		3.0	2.2	23.2
198	105	Holden Hydroman	183	203	+3	4.8	2.4	24.6
158	110	Holmes Protection	119	122	●			
33	22	Hughes Food	32	33	+1	0.7	2.2	23.4
14	8½	Humbrod Elec	7	8½		0.4	5.0	8.0
188	115	Hunter Saptor	178	182	-3	3.6	2.0	23.5
255	188	Huntleigh Tech	175	185	●-5	2.1	1.2	21.7
230	155	INSTEM	153	163	●+3	3.6	2.3	13.6
31	11	Ionic	16	19	-1	3.0	16.7	2.3
115	44	Ind Scot Energy	85	90	+3			10.6
103	66	InfraRed	92	97	+5			
353	190	Intereurope Tech	220	235	●-2	8.3	3.6	11.4
210	205	Interlink Express	206	209				
32	21	Israel (Jack L)	23	24		0.7	3.0	18.2
443	233	JS Pathology	435	450		3.3	0.7	40.6
190	116	Jaques Vert	167	172	-1	7.8	4.6	15.0
28	2	Jetsons	6	8		.. e	..	0.2
148	103	Johnson & Jorg	114½	117½	●	6.0	5.2	13.2
120	73	Johnstone's Paints	100	105		6.1b	5.9	11.4
70	48	Just Rubber	67	70	●-1	2.8	3.8	11.4
330	253	KLP	270	275	+8	4.7	1.7	15.4
92	67	Kent (John)	77	80	●	2.1	2.7	14.5
320	220	Kenyon Secs	310	320		14.9	4.7	15.2
83	53	Kewill Systems	57	58		1.7	3.0	8.2
113	50	Klark-Teknik	55	58	●-4	1.6	2.8	14.5
113	87	LPA Ind	85	90		3.9	4.4	8.7
68	37	Laidlaw	60	65		4.1	6.5	7.8
125	70	Laidlaw Thomson	105	110	● .	5.6	5.2	13.0
61	32	Leisure Inv	58	60½	+2	5.1	8.5	20.3
118	91	Leviner	90	93	+1	3.8	4.1	11.3
285	7½	Local Lon Gp	275	285	+30	5.0	1.8	31.5
92	73	Lodge Care	89	92		2.9	3.2	19.0
140	95	Lon & Clydesdale	112	117		8.0	7.0	10.4
198	133	Lorin Elec	165	170	●+2	3.6b	2.1	14.7
62	17	Lysander Pet	40	43				
99	77	MS Cash & Carry	96½	101½	+3	5.1	5.2	
327	160	MMT Comp	315	323	-1	7.1	2.2	14.2
160	101	McLaughlin & Har	110	120		10.0	8.7	8.6
125	45	Magnetic Materials	70	74	+7	2.7	3.8	10.1
130	54	Mainmet	115	120	●+3	1.4	1.2	37.0
95	71	Manna Dev	72	77				
178	92	Martin (Ronald)	156	162	●	4.7	2.9	21.6
35	9	Maxiport	15	18				
116	107	Mayfair City	110	115		4.3	3.8	23.9
306	195	Meadow Farm	292	297		5.4	1.8	25.8
151	143	Mecca Leisure	150	151	-½			
220	14	Media Tech	120	125	●-½	4.0	3.3	9.4
98	75	Mellerware	80	83	●-1	4.4	5.4	18.2
22	9	Memory Comp	18	20		2.2		3.7
75	13	Mercom Intl Hldgs	20	25	-2	5.0	21.7	1.5
181	135	Menvier-Swain	170	175	-3	3.6	2.1	18.4
385	311	Merrydown Wine	365	370	-2	7.8	2.1	22.4
138	95	Metal Bulletin	115	125		6.3	5.3	16.9
102	71	Metsec	74	78	●	3.7	4.9	11.7
95	59	Michael (John)	63	68		1.7	2.8	18.0
760	380	Microfilm	610	630	● .	4.3	0.7	42.8
120	95	Microleisure	125	135	●-2	5.7	4.4	10.6
47	22	Microvitec	33	34	+½	1.8	5.4	14.7
428	231	Midsummer Inns	418	428	+3	3.6	0.9	31.4
185	162	Miller & Santhouse	173	178	+1	3.2	1.8	32.9
193	150	Millward Brown	157	162		3.6	2.3	34.9
220	130	Miss World	180	190		7.9	4.3	8.8
47	13	Mnemos						
238	101	Moorgate Gp	98	103	-½	2.0	2.0	18.7
128	82	Morris & Crane	124	128		3.9	3.1	15.8
158	118	Monotype	132	135	●-1	6.3	4.7	
57	25	Moxley	52	55	-1	2.5	4.6	15.0
23½	15	Morris (William)	15½	16½				6.4
215	63	Moss Advertising	87	92	+2	3.5	3.9	10.9
192	125	Mysterlin	188	195	●	4.3	2.2	16.6
367	230	NMW Comp	225	235	●	8.6	3.7	12.5
21	8	New Ct Nat Res	12½	14				3.6
5½	0½	Do Wrnts						
35	14	New England Props	24	27	+1			12.5
90	70	Do 10%	70	80	●	.. 8	13.3	
75	70	Newage Trans	68	71		5.0	7.1	7.9
21	8	Nimslo	11	13				
160	91	Norank	135	138		4.3	3.1	17.8
190	45	Nortan	45	50		1.0	2.1	5.2
181	43	Norscot Hotels	178	180	●	3.6	2.0	19.5
45	14	Nth Sea & Gen	21	24				4.6
75	30	Gilfield Inspec	30	35	.	2.9e	8.8	4.9
37	18	Optometrics	18	22		..	..	..
310	180	Osborne & Little	305	310	..	4.3	1.4	29.4
41¾	23	Owners Abroad	40½	41½	+½	2.1	5.1	11.6
143	85	PCT	105	115	-3	4.6	4.2	12.5
255	160	Pacer Systems	170	180				..
79	48	Pacific Sales	48	50	● ..	4.3	9.0	11.5
251	126½	Pantherella	125	130	●-3	5.3	4.1	11.7
718½	82	Parkfield Gp	198	202	-1			..
62	10	Paul M Lees	54	58		e		24.7
53	17	Pawson	22	24		.. e	..	4.1
165	80	Pepe Group	158	163		4.7	2.9	15.8
168	83	Pericom	162	167	-1	3.3b	2.0	77.5
43	23	Perkins (J)	30	34		1.7	5.1	7.8
110	101	Personal Computer	107	112		4.3	3.9	11.2
208	128	Peters (Michael)	143	148	● ..	3.7	2.5	22.4
32	11	Petrogen	25	28	+3			
34	25½	Piccadilly Radio	30	32	+2	2.9	9.4	10.6
116	24	Pict Pet	32	35	-1			4.6
78	31	Pineapple	70	74				
72	25	Plasmec	67	70	+1	1.0	1.4	8.5
201	115	Platon	175	180	+3	4.4	2.5	12.9
100	98	Plum Hldgs	98	100	+1	4.3	4.3	14.6
245	65	Polytech Marine	110	120				
158	75	Powerline	88	93	●+1	2.9	3.2	12.2
143	93	Prestapost	108	113	-1	3.6	3.2	12.8
132	130	Quadra	128	132		4.5	3.5	14.4
308	158	Quested	180	185	-2	6.3	3.4	12.3
103	90	Radamec	93	98				
43	18	Radio City 'A'	34	37	-1	.. e		7.0
58	33	Radio Clyde	52	57	+7	4.6	8.4	17.9
123	65	Radius	105½	110½		1.4	1.3	16.2
95	5	Ramco Oil	15	18		.. e		4.1
105	86	Ransat	97	102	● ..	7.7	7.7	8.7
62	22	Randsworth	48	52	●+2	0.4	0.8	..
78	40	Real Time Control	48	53		2.9	5.7	14.7
42	14	Reliant Motor	15½	17	+½			14.1
190	70	Radix	113	117		0.1	0.1	
87	30	Rockwood	55	60				
107	53	Rolfe & Nolan	97	100	-1	2.9	2.9	42.7
96	93	Rotunda	92	97		4.3	4.5	11.5
116	101	Ryman	108	109	-1	..		
141½	79	SAC	141	142	●+2½	2.9	2.0	17.4
128	73	Sangers Photo	73	76	●-2	3.2	4.2	22.0
48	10	Sapphire Pet	19	22	-1			2.8
135	104	Savage	123	127	●+1	4.3	3.4	15.9
178	95	Scanro	94	98	●-1	5.7	5.9	7.6
195	120	Scot Heritable	142	145	+1	4.6	3.2	12.6
133	71	Securiguard	127	132	+2	3.9	3.0	24.0
26	7	SelecTV	15	18½				
355	245	Share Drug Strs	235	255	-10	3.4	1.4	21.5
98	68½	Sheldon Jones	80½	85½	..	8.6	8.0	9.7
260	168	Sherwood Comp	230	240		4.6	2.0	28.3
198	145	Shield	170	180		2.9	1.7	29.2
101	50	Sigmex	53	58	-1	0.8	1.4	18.6
173	110	Sims Catering	110	120		5.7	5.0	14.1
320	136	Sinclair (William)	215	225	●+3	8.8	4.0	15.4
238	155	Smallbone	204	209	●-1	5.1	2.5	19.3
177	96	Snowdon Bridge	165	175	● ..	4.3b	2.5	20.2
42	33	Soundtracks	40	43	+3	1.7	4.0	12.5
184	113	Stan Bus	162	165	+4	4.3	2.6	8.5
31	11	SW Resources	14	16	.	..	..	6.0
108	85	Space Planning	105	110		2.6	2.4	39.6
68	48	Spectra Auto	65	70	● .	3.7	5.4	10.7
38	20	Spectrum	22	25	-1	.. e		2.8
99	83	Spice	88	93	+1	4.0	4.4	13.8
71	55	Splasto	57	62		4.7	7.8	9.8
220	85	Stainless Metal	198	203	-2	6.0	3.0	23.7
108	71	Sterling Pub	92	95	-1	2.9b	3.1	20.0
38½	17½	Sunleigh Elec	27	29	● .	0.2	0.7	57.1
93	50	Sutherland (ET)	63	68	+6	4.6	7.3	28.8
125	100	Swindon Pr Hosp	75	126	-9			30.8
265	175	Synapse Comp	255	265	●	3.1	1.2	21.7
250	150	T & S Stores	235	245	●	4.8	1.9	25.7
200	110	TDS Circuits	122	127	..	2.8e	2.3	5.4
134	111	TMD Advert	122	127	..	2.9	2.3	16.4
130	108	Task Force	108	112	..	2.5	2.3	16.2
245	52	Tay Homes	238	243	● ..	7.5	3.1	11.2
146	75	Tech For Bus	85	95	-3	7.7	8.6	9.0
366	194	Tech Comp	300	310	..	4.6	1.5	41.1
205	115	Telecomputing	159	165	..	2.1	1.3	15.1
188	75	Tel Sim Int	73	78	●-1	3.1	4.1	24.1
145	34	Thermax	137	140	-3	7.1	5.1	15.1
272½	180	Therm Scientific	230	235	● ..	3.9	1.7	21.0
233	63	Thorpac	210	220	..	3.6	1.7	32.0
56	42	Tinsley (Eliza)	43	45		4.1	9.1	8.7
153	113	Tod (W&J)	147	152	●+2	4.7	3.1	10.8
50	28	Towngrade Sec	30	35		1.8e	4.8	25.8
139	138	Trade Promotion	175	180	-3	6.2	3.5	18.7
900	270	Trencherwood	480	500	+2	7.6	1.6	23.4
173	60	Triton	78	82	-2	1.6	2.0	17.0
287	140	Tyne Tees 'A'	248	250	+1	19.5	7.8	8.4
78	43	Unic Ceramic	72	77	●+1	5.4	7.2	12.6
550	420	Utd Friendly	535	545	●+5	26.0	4.8	..
213	93	Utd Packaging	112	117	-1	4.6	4.0	8.7
413	330	Utd Tst Credit	405	415	●+5	20.0	4.9	..
86	81	Usher (Frank)	93	97	●-1	8.4	8.7	11.3
100	35	Viewplan	55	60	-3	1.8	3.1	24.2
108	53	Wayne Kerr	70	73	-1	2.3	3.2	8.0
110	75	Webber Electro	105	110	●	3.3	3.1	13.2
19½	14	Weltrac	16	17	-½	0.4	2.4	11.9
98	65	West Yorkshire	92	97	●+2	5.7	6.0	12.9
176	163	Whitney Mckay	165	168	+1	5.7	3.4	13.8
191	150	Wickes	177	182	● .	3.6	2.0	21.9
12¾	4¼	Williams Syst	11½	12	-¼	..		53.4
27½	16½	Williams (Rex) Hldgs	19	19½	+¼	1.3	6.8	15.5
457½	93	Wingate	349	355	●+5	2.7	0.8	52.8
80	46	Wolff	46½	49½	●-2	1.1	2.3	42.9
89	80	Wootton Better	82	87				
264	151	Worcester	258	268	● .	7.9	3.0	27.5
220	148	Wld of Leather	150	155	+2	3.5	2.4	16.5
90	63	Wyko	64	67		3.7	5.6	10.0
4	4	Xyllyx						
158	118	Yellowhammer	135	140	+2	2.3	1.7	20.2
38	29	Yelverton	33	35	-1			
97	30	York Mount	62	67		1.9	2.9	38.1
69	39	York & Equity	55	58				
104½	75	Do 8%	100	.		8.00	8.0	
61	15	Zygal Dynamics	47	52	+2	0.7	1.4	6.9

Where shares have only one price quoted, these are middle prices taken daily at 5pm. Yield, change and P/E ratio are calculated on the middle price

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
127	106½	Alisa	124	126		3.6	2.9	24.4
846	730	Alliance	845	850	+2	31.8	3.8	40.6
150	124	Amer Trust	144	148		4.4	3.0	40.4
404	333	Ang Amer Sec	380	384		8.9	2.3	61.7
119	94	Atlantic Assets	110½	112	+½	0.9	0.8	85.1
139	118	Bankers	131	134	●+1	3.8b	2.9	50.0
254	194	Berry	244	248	●+2	1.6	0.7	..
64¼	53½	Br Assets	63	63½	●+¼	2.9	4.5	28.8
53	33	Br Empire Sec	37½	38½		0.7	1.8	52.1
473	415	Br Inv	483	488	●-1	22.6	4.8	29.9
104	80	Brunner	103	104	+½	3.3	3.2	48.1
855	755	Contl & Ind	800	820		31.4	3.9	35.1
258	178	Crescent Japan	221	223		0.5	0.2	..
157	135	Derby Inc	146	150	-1	12.8	8.6	17.7
148	126	Do Cap	145	150	+2			
365	318	Drayton Cons	353	358	●	15.4	4.3	32.9
195	151	Drayton Far East	192	195		1.6	0.8	
772	582	Drayton Japan	630	634	-1	1.4e	0.2	..
213	195	Dundee Lon	211	214		8.0b	3.8	37.9
117	96	Edin Amer Asset	108½	109½		0.9	0.8	89.2
162	136	Edinburgh	156½	157½	●	5.3b	3.4	46.2
416	323	Electric Gen	412	417		6.4	1.5	69.5
168	146	English Int	164	169	●	5.5	3.3	46.4
103	85	English Scot	101	103		2.0	2.0	61.8
80	60	Exmoor	72	75	+1	1.3	1.8	69.2
120	103	F & C Alliance	119	121	+1	2.8	2.2	63.2
224	142	F & C Pacific	222	224	●-1	2.1	0.9	86.1
13	8½	First Charlotte	12	12½		0.1	0.8	..
348	287	First Scot Amer	332	334	-1	15.0	4.5	31.9
565	480	Fleming American	550	553	+1	8.2	1.5	90.5
198	145	Fleming Claver	198	199	+3	7.4	3.7	38.1
345	302	Fleming Enterprise	312	318		12.9	4.1	35.5
133½	84½	Fleming Far East	133	134	●+½	1.4	1.0	
140	109	Fleming Fledgling	135	138	-1	3.8	2.8	52.9
739	614	Fleming Japan	693	695	●+1	5.7	0.8	..
174	123	Fleming Mercantile	170	172		5.5	3.2	44.2
186	123	Fleming Overseas	184	187	+2	3.9	2.3	82.2
162	140	Fleming Tech	152	155	+1	3.3	2.1	68.4
147	107	Fleming Universal	145	148	●	2.1b	1.4	71.7
103	68	For Col	102½	103	+¼	2.4b	2.3	69.4
189	88	GBC Capital	98	98	●-1			
232	116	GT Japan	209	212	+1	2.8	0.9	
210	138	General Funds	204	206		2.9	1.4	..
330	275	General Cons	314	318		17.9b	5.7	27.7
186	115	Glasgow Stock	159	163	-1	3.4	2.1	65.7
128	97	Globe	123	124	●	5.3	4.3	31.7
158	127	Govett Atlantic	154	158		4.0b	2.6	48.3
248	138	Govett Oriental	245	247	● ..	3.3	1.3	..
288	215	Govett Strategy	284	287	●+2	5.4	2.0	66.3
453	244	Greenfriar	445	452	+3	2.4	0.5	
325	215	Gresham House	280	300	● .	8.4	2.9	31.2
215	158	Hambros	207	209	●-1	6.4	3.1	45.9
106	104	India Fund	105	110		..	..	
850	540	Invest In Success	830	840	-5	8.2	1.0	..
284	244	Inv Cap	274	276	● ..	17.1b	6.2	46.6
185	132	Ivory & Sime	132	157	●+4	7.1	4.8	21.2
63	45	Japan Assets	60	61	●	0.7	1.2	..
108	91	Kleinwort Charter	105	107		3.5	3.3	45.7
146	119	Kleinwort O'seas	144	148	-1	3.6	2.5	
300	237	Kleinwort Smaller	295	305		12.0	4.0	..
262	185	Law Debenture	259	262		9.0	3.4	31.6
72	56	Lon Merchant Sec	64	66	-1	3.6	5.5	13.2
71	55	Lon Trust	54	58	-1	1.1e	2.0	60.4
128	102	Merchants	125	128	+½	6.4b	5.1	33.1
30½	21½	Merrill Lynch	27		●-½			
232	181	Monks	231	233	+1	3.7	1.6	87.5
166	128	Murray Income	163	165		8.6b	5.2	30.4
180½	137	Murray Intl	177	178	+½	7.1n	4.0	34.8
384	215	Murray Small	353	358	●+1	4.0	1.1	..
435	318	Murray Venture	429	434	●-1	14.3b	3.3	49.2
465	414	New Court	455	460	●+5	22.5	4.9	27.0
267	49	New Darien Oil	65	66	+½	0.9e	1.4	72.0
243	158	928	241	244		5.7	2.3	47.3
65	50½	Nedborg Inc 83	62½	64	● .	4.8b	7.6	17.9
271	185	New Tokyo	242	244	-1	1.1e	0.5	
364	278	Nth Atlantic Sec	349	352	●+1	4.9	1.4	
81	30	Nth Sea Assets	24	27				42.6
486	279	Nthn Amer	398	400	+3	7.7b	1.9	72.9
223	145	Outwich	219	222	● ..	6.4	2.9	58.8
103½	68	Pacific Assets	103	104	+2½	1.0	1.0	
47	26	Do Wrnts	44½	46½	+½			
42	35	Personal Assets	40½	42	-½	.5	1.2	..
440	338	Raeburn	435	440	-2	17.1	3.9	44.4
189	147	River & Merc	187	190		8.8b	4.6	34.7
283	216	River Plate	280	285	+2	12.4	4.4	32.8
290	207	Robeco	280					
261	181	Rolinco	261					
382	267	Romney	367	372		7.1	1.9	66.7
15⅝	11½	Rorento	10¼					
159	118	St Andrew	158	160		4.6b	2.9	53.7
407	297	Scottish	400	403	+1	8.9	2.2	69.3
85	68	Scot American	82	83	-½	2.6b	3.2	92.7
127	88	Scot Eastern	126	127	+½	2.9	2.3	65.2
100	78	Scot Merc 'A'	95	98	-1			
559	402	Scot Mtge	555	558	●+4	12.6	2.3	60.1
328	245	Scot Nat	323	328	●	7.6	2.3	54.7
752	570	Second Alliance	742	745	+1	26.4	3.5	36.7
94¼	68	Secs Tst of Scotland	91½	92½	●-½	4.3b	4.7	28.8
83½	67	Smaller Cos	82½	84	+1½	2.0	2.4	58.4
117	81	TR Australia	111	113	●-1	3.3	2.9	38.0
122	55	TR City Of Lon Dfd	60½	61½	●	3.1b	5.1	28.8
224	155	TR Ind & Gen	217	219	●	5.9b	2.7	47.1
149	100½	TR Natural Res	138	140	+1	5.9	4.3	29.6
103	69	TR North America	100	102	●	2.6b	2.6	51.3
187	118	TR Pacific Basin	182	184		1.4	0.8	..
204	49½	TR Property	67	69	s	1.9	2.8	45.3
117	99	TR Tech	115	117		2.6	2.2	54.7
182	139	TR Trustees	179	182	+1	6.0	3.3	40.2
169	135	Temple Bar	161	163		8.1b	5.0	28.3
309	237	Throgmorton	306	309	+1	11.9b	3.9	38.8
390	275	Throg Secured Cap	289	290				
226	157½	Trans Oceanic	221	224		5.5	2.5	55.9
157	112	Tribune	153	156	-1	4.0	2.6	44.4
85	79	Triplevest Inc	84½	85½	●-½	17.1	20.1	7.7
393	217	US Debenture	295	300		9.3	3.1	59.7
51	35	Value Inc Tst	38	40	●	1.8b	4.6	
62	33	Viking Resources	40	41	●	2.9	7.2	20.0
74	53	Westpool	60	62	●	2.3	3.8	30.6
113½	88½	Witan	112½	113½		2.6b	2.3	64.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
47	34½	American Express	38½		-¼			
77	42	Argyle	75	78	+3	1.4	1.8	41.2
38	21	Boustead	28	29		.. e	..	79.7
154	120	Britannia Arrow	146	147	●+½	6.0b	4.1	37.3
24	18⅛	Daily Mail	17¾	18¼		70.0	3.9	12.7
28¼	15⅝	Do 'A'	17½	17¾		70.0	4.0	12.4
158	137	Electra	156	158		5.9	3.8	36.3
179	95	Eng Trust	177	180		4.3	2.4	19.6
278	187	Exco	276	278		7.1	2.6	17.8
113	66	Exploration	107	112	●	3.3	3.0	14.5
773	375	Framlington	750	765		12.9	1.7	19.8
115	81	Frost Gp	112	117	●+2	7.1	6.2	12.4
223	183	GT Management	198	203	●+2	4.3	2.1	15.1
7⅞	75	Goode (D & M)	163	168	+1	2.5	1.5	46.5
10¼	480	Henderson Admin	10½	10¾	●	22.1	2.2	20.2
218	153	ICH	203	207	+5	12.9	6.3	7.5
447	320	MAI	445	448	+5	25.0	5.6	9.5
305	190	M & G	262½	267½	-1	6.1	2.3	32.2
382	252	Mercantile House	326	330	-2	20.0	6.1	6.2
129½	86	Pacific Inv Tst	129	130	+1½	0.5	0.4	
35	19	Do Warrants	34	35½	+1½			
205	152	Smith New Court	181	184	-1	10.0	6.1	8.0

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB
Dec 135.0-34.0
Mar 148.4-48.0
May 151.4-51.0
Aug 154.6-54.4
Oct 157.6-57.4
Dec 161.0-59.0
Vol: 1041

COCOA
Dec 1422-21
Mar 1462-61
May 1486-84
Jul 1508-07
Sep 1530-29
Dec 1558-57
Mar 1587-85
Vol: 4114

COFFEE
Nov 2200-2190
Jan 2104-2100
Mar 1960-1955
May 1960-1955
Jul 1995-1980
Sep 1995-1985
Nov 2010-1990
Vol: 3534

SOYABEAN
Dec 135.0-30.0
Feb 133.0-32.5
Apr 133.0-32.5
Jun 129.8-29.0
Aug 128.8-28.0
Oct 130.5-30.0
Dec 133.0-31.0
Vol: 131

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE
Supplied via Commodity Market Services Ltd

HEAVY FUEL OIL
Dec 73.00
Jan 76.0-76.25
Feb 77.0-80.00
Mar 76.0-79.00
Vol: 6

GAS OIL
Dec 124.75-124.5
Jan 128.75-128.5
Feb 130.75-130.5
Mar 126.25-128.5
Apr 124.00-123.5
May 121.50-120.5
Jun 120.00-120.5
Jul 125.00-118.0
Aug 125.00-111.8
Vol: 4122

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A
Cash 916.50-917.00
Three Months 942.50-943.00
Vol 3250
Tone Steady

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 893.00-895.00
Three Months 922.00-924.00
Vol Nil
Tone Quiet

LEAD
Cash 339.00-340.00
Three Months 321.50-322.00
Vol 3200
Tone Barely Steady

ZINC STANDARD
Cash 513.00-523.00
Vol Nil
Tone Idle

ZINC HIGH GRADE
Cash 551.00-552.00
Three Months 547.50-548.00
Vol 1450
Tone Steady

SILVER LARGE
Cash 364.50-365.50
Three Months 374.50-375.50
Vol Nil
Tone Idle

SILVER SMALL
Cash 364.50-365.50
Three Months 374.50-375.50
Vol Nil
Tone Idle

ALUMINIUM
Cash 782.50-783.50
Three Months 798.00-799.50
Vol 2500
Tone Barely Steady

NICKEL
Cash 2540-2545
Three Months 2585-2587
Vol 186
Tone Steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 26
GB: Cattle, 92.69p per kg lw (+0.75)
GB: Sheep 178.29p per kg est dcw (+10.54)
GB: Pigs, 76.49p per kg lw (+0.80)
* est. dead carcase weight
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 8.9 %, ave. price, 92.85p(+0.86)
Sheep nos. down 8.9 %, ave. price, 179.03p(+10.77)
Pig nos. down 14.7 %, ave. price, 76.49p(+0.80)
Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 3.1 %, ave. price, 91.80p(+0.38)
Sheep nos. down 27.4 %, ave. price, 169.49p(+5.59)
Pig nos. n/a %, ave. price, n/a

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Live Pig Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	95.80	95.80
Apr	95.50	95.50
Jun	96.30	96.30
Aug	94.50	94.50
Oct	97.50	97.50
Nov	97.50	97.50

Vol: n/a
Pig Meat vol: 0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Live Cattle Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Nov	96.80	95.00
Feb	97.80	97.80
Apr	101.50	101.50
Jun	101.50	101.50

Vol: 4

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Jan	111.00	112.45
Mar	113.90	114.55
May	116.94	115.75
Jul	117.50	
Sep	101.40	100.85
Nov	103.70	103.20

Volume:
Wheat 731
Barley 7

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Feb	112.00	110.30
Apr	154.00	153.20
May	170.30	171.60
Nov	87.50	87.50
Feb	96.00	95.50

Vol: 798

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	High/Low	Close
Jan 87	697.0-686.0	690.0
Apr 87	725.0-715.0	724.0
Jul 87	625.0-620.0	621.0
Oct 87	728.0-718.0	721.0
Jan 88	720.0-720.0	720.0
Apr 88	—	807.5
Jul 88	—	682.5
Oct 88	—	800.0

Vol: 566 lots
Open interest: 2036

TANKER REPORT

	High/Low	Close
Nov 86		905.0
Dec 86	840.0-840.0	840.0
Jan 87		
Mar 87		
Jun 87		
Sep 87		

Vol: 1 lots
Open interest 22
Spot market commentary:
Tanker index: 933.5 down 9.0 on 25/11/86
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On course for an export bonanza

The exhibition, Export '86, opens at the Barbican from next Tuesday. Britain is well-placed to win back power and influence as a leader of world commerce

British industry and commerce today faces the best opportunity for many decades to increase its share of world trade. Despite the gloomy prognostications of many economic observers, British goods abroad have become increasingly competitive. So long as there is no let-up in the battle to control cost and improve quality, the British should be on course for an export bonanza.

This is the conclusion of Sir James Cleminson, former president of the Confederation of British Industry and now chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, the Government's spearhead organization in the campaign to return Britain to a more respectable position in the table of global traders.

Sir James took over as chairman in July after a year of remarkable improvement in UK export business. Overseas sales were up by 11 per cent in value and six per cent in volume in 1985 to reach a record total of £78 billion. The increase in Britain's exports was greater than the growth in world

> "More competitive than ever with West Germany and Japan"

trade as a whole. Exporters, he says, should not lose the impetus.

Britain has been helped by the more competitive pound and, this year, by falling oil and energy prices, which should help British goods to remain popular in the UK's most important export market: western Europe. Exports to the rest of Europe last year amounted to £46 billion – 58 per cent of Britain's total. In Spain, Portugal and Italy, where the BOTB has made special efforts at trade promotion backed by high-level government visits, sales were well up – 40 per cent in Spain alone.

"In price terms," says Sir James, "we are very much more competitive with the West Germans and the Japanese than ever before."

When he was CBI president, Sir James led the employers' group in its strident campaign for lower interest rates and much reduced pay settlements. No pay rises unless they have been earned in higher productivity, and abolition of the annual pay round, was and still is the CBI cry.

Though Sir James would never disagree with that, he has changed priorities since donning the BOTB hat. He says: "I have recognized that the only factor now intensifying the problem of non-competitiveness is the cost of money. West Germany and Japan are able to offer financial terms very much more cheaper than can the UK."

On his recent trip to China, Sir James asked the Chinese why the West Germans had increased their trade with the country so substantially. The attraction was not soft loans but attractive financial terms.

Exporting companies, says Sir James, are recording much greater increases than non-exporters – with a rise of 15 per cent in the last year not unusual. He adds: "I go along with the CBI line that a lot of companies are exposing themselves to trouble because their cost increases are not matching their productivity rises. But many firms are doing what the Government and the CBI wants and are still not winning export markets."

Sir James says that at least the Government is recognizing the value of the BOTB by giving a small rise in the overall level of spending over the next two years. The organization has a budget this year of just over £27 million.

In 1984-85, the board was able to recoup more funds from customer companies, which enabled it to maintain the spending level despite, in real terms, a diminished budget. Grants available to companies attending overseas trade fairs or export missions have been cut for those on their second or third visits to a particular country. Those taking part in exhibitions, for example, will have to pay 40 per cent of the BOTB's estimated direct costs if they are first-time visitors, rising to 55 per cent for second-time exhibitors and 75 per cent for others.

Those taking part in missions will face similar restrictions. A visit to Hong Kong on a BOTB-approved mission, for example, will qualify each individual to a £520 contribution to travel costs on the first three occasions, falling to £260 on the fourth visit.

"There was a squawk when this was instituted," comments Sir James, "with some companies saying that fairs and promotions were the most useful things we did but the reductions made their attendance difficult. However it doesn't seem to reduce substantially the number of people taking part."

In its bid to spend money more effectively, the BOTB is concentrating more on small-business entrepreneurs who, believes Sir James, need only a little prodding to get them to become exporters.

A report from the board's small-firms committee, covering enterprises with up to 200 employees, shows that no more than a third of the small exporting companies are accounting for 80 per cent of the sector's total export turnover.

"The other two-thirds work on the basis of getting overseas orders when they feel like it. If we could get these companies to become determined exporters, we could increase the country's export revenue by £5 billion."

At long last, too, the BOTB is entering the computer age, via a three-year programme designed to give companies a faster and more up-to-date service, covering the BOTB's operations, the Export Intelligence Service and the results of information gathered by Foreign Office staff abroad.

Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

All part of the trade equation: *top,* container packages are loaded at Gatwick airport; *below left,* Sir James Cleminson, the British Overseas Trade Board chairman, rings a bell for business with Harvey Tordoff from a Yorkshire firm exhibiting at a Chicago machine tool trade show; *right,* members of a sales team from China show their planes at Farnborough this year, and *bottom,* special tractor units transport containers between quayside cranes and container terminals

First buy your Arab dictionary

Nearly 7,000 British companies will have participated in 292 trade fairs in 39 countries by the end of this year. What do they expect to gain from such activities which, despite assistance from the British Overseas Trade Board, can be costly and time-consuming?

The ultimate aim is to sell more goods or services. Bringing many prospective buyers together under one roof can be cost-effective in enabling sales representatives to contact many more customers than if they had to fix appointments and travel to see each one individually.

But in many industries where trade fairs proliferate – aerospace, defence equipment, specialized medical supplies, effluent and water treatment – the decision to buy is a complex, long-term process.

Here the exhibitor's main target will be to influence and persuade; effectiveness will be measured by the number of contacts rather than orders.

Rotunda, a Manchester-based company which makes PVC insulating tape and similar products, for instance, attracted 1,500 visitors to its stand at the Elenex '86 exhibition in Hong Kong earlier this year.

But the company, which is cited by the Institute of Marketing as an example of a comparatively small company that has achieved success in overseas marketing, found the trip valuable mainly because it helped identify new sales opportunities in China and yielded introductions to potential agents in other Far East countries.

A stand at an international exhibition should be much more than a one-way sales pitch. Handled correctly, it can also provide a listening post, firstly for gathering first-hand intelligence about the market-place; second, for gauging customers' attitudes to the product.

Peter Cotterell, managing director of Unibrand Training, a company which runs training courses for exhibition organizers and participants, says: "I believe that exhibitions are one of the best ways of researching a potential overseas market at ground level."

Mr Cotterell, who has taken his own medicine by exhibiting at next week's Export '86, adds that the opportunities for instant feedback give exhibitions the edge over other forms of promotion like advertising, direct mail or public relations.

Exploiting this advantage, however, requires the staff who are manning the stand to be prepared to ask visitors questions like "Are you currently buying X?", or "Have you ever used our X?" or "What type of X are you currently buying?".

This in turn requires not only some training in research techniques but at least a smattering of the language of the country in which the exhibition is being held.

It is no accident that Rotunda, which has developed a £11.2 million turnover, of which overseas business represents 22 per cent since its buy-out from BICC in January 1982, employs export sales staff who are linguists.

An inability to speak foreign languages is one of the reasons why UK companies are less enthusiastic about participating in international exhibitions than their Continental and Far Eastern counterparts.

There are many horror stories about exhibitors who have made expensive mistakes. Mr Cotterell's favourite concerns a stand promoting washing powder at an exhibition in the Middle East. This featured a photographic sequence which, from left to right, showed dirty

> Kudos as well as commercial action is part of the show

washing, the washing being processed and a pile of clean linen. It took several days before the exhibitors realized that their Arabic-speaking visitors (who read from right to left) interpreted the product as one which turned clean washing dirty.

Information gleaned from exhibitions can be put to good advantage not only in launching new products but also in tailoring product development. Rotunda, for example, has developed new products so effectively that about 18 per cent of last year's sales were in products that did not exist before the buy-out.

For some products and some industries, participation in international exhibitions may be important for reasons of status and image.

A useful booklet* published by the Incorporated Society of British Advertisers points out that the way a company is viewed by existing customers and contacts can be improved by effective presence at an exhibition.

The Farnborough Air Show is one good example of a "soft sell" exhibition specifically designed to influence a small number of key customers. But the big established international exhibitions for all trades include an element of kudos as well as commercial action.

Patricia Tisdall

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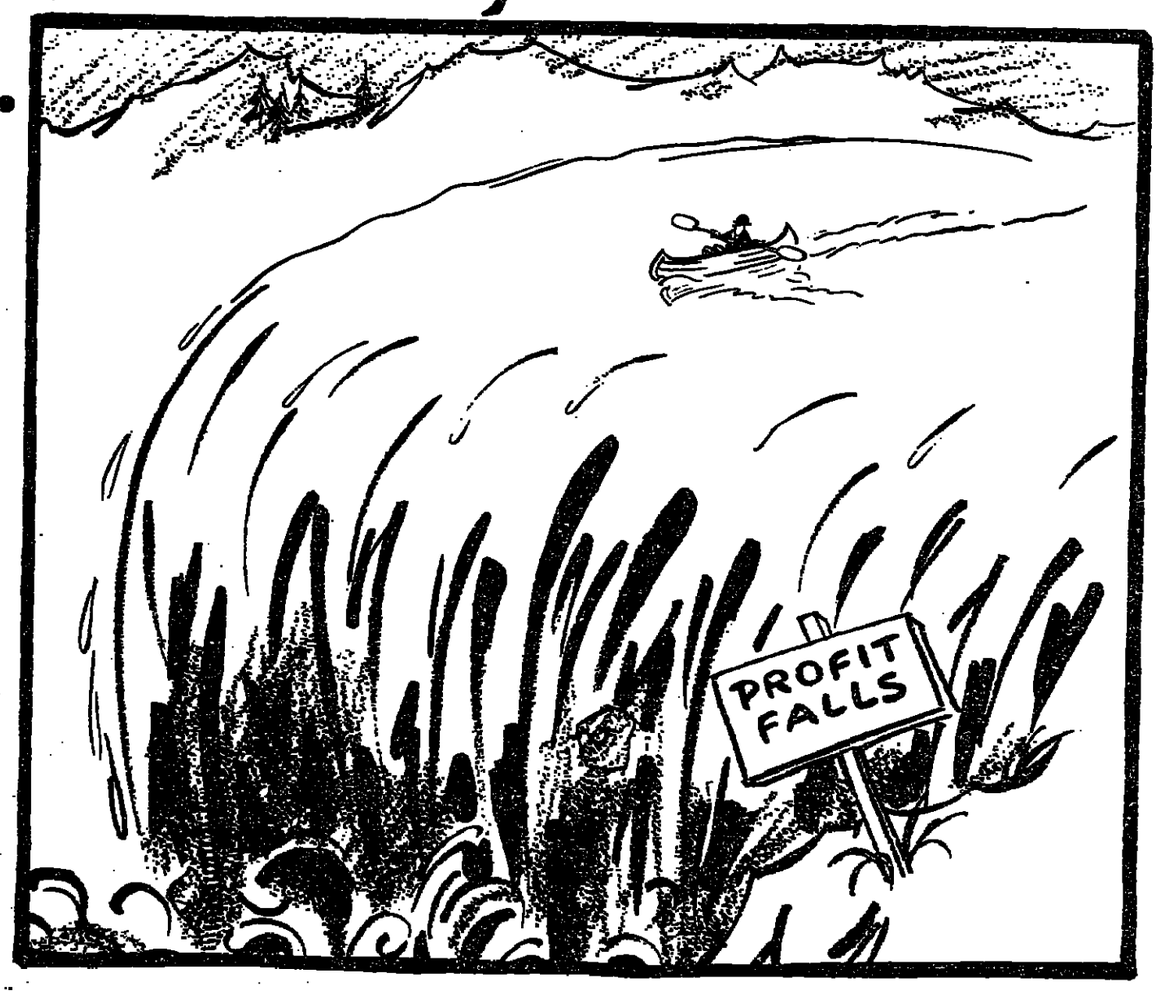

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Now the banks begin to listen

Providing funds to back British exporters might sound like a large and lucrative field for banks. It is surprising, therefore, to discover that it is an area grossly under-exploited by the banks, with business declining.

Long-term export finance is probably declining faster than any other sector of the market. This is a notoriously difficult area to predict. All it takes is a single big project financing to boost the figures for one year far above those for the previous year.

But more than ever, project finance tends to be undertaken by multilateral aid agencies or by widely-spread syndications, leaving little "chunky" business for any particular bank. One project finance specialist says: "The banks are increasingly being forced out, though they may always come back if the circumstances change."

The biggest changes have been in the shorter-term financing – those of up to two years. The biggest event here is the withdrawal of the Export Credit Guarantee Department from the field by the end of next year.

The ECGD's withdrawal is understandable in view of the sharp drop in the popularity of its services. In 1984 it supplied £42 million in short-term export financing, but only £16 million this year – a fall of 60 per cent.

Although the rates of interest it offered were highly competitive, particularly for smaller companies, its products simply did not suit changing markets. To begin with, large companies can now frequently finance themselves even below ECGD rates.

Just as important has been the switch of exporting volume away from Third World buyers to Europe and the US. The political and economic stability of these countries make ECGD credit insurance policies somewhat superfluous and exporters felt they were paying high premiums for nothing.

The result is that ECGD provides financing and credit guarantees for a mere 10 per cent of exports to the growing European and US markets.

That should have provided a great opportunity for the banks, particularly the clearers which have close client relationships with so many British exporters. So far, they have been slow to take up the challenge.

"As ECGD loses the business, no one else picks it up," says Celia Ratty, manager of special financial services at National Westminster. "Companies tend to fund their exports just as they would if they were selling in the home market. A lot of it is done on overdraft. The companies also tend to take the credit risk themselves."

The clearing banks are now waking up to the possibilities. National Westminster has launched a whole range of schemes under the curious title "Export Ease", following a move by Midland some months ago to provide more streamlined finance. Barclays is also launching a new export scheme.

The NatWest package is probably the most comprehensive in the new generation of export finance and insurance products. It not only includes credit insurance schemes to large and small exporters but factoring and forfeiting services.

The idea is that if you are offering one product to an exporter, why not make a little more money by offering several which he is likely to need? There are eight schemes in the NatWest package.

One effect of the withdrawal of ECGD is that a more commercial attitude prevails.

More commercial attitude prevails

"ECGD found that many claims by exporters were a result of the under-performance of the exporters," says John Groom of NatWest.

He explains that the new-style schemes were not designed to teach exporters how to export. "They must show us that they can do it already."

One example of this attitude is a new rigour with which credit insurance policies are treated. Unless a company has performed to the letter of its contract it cannot claim on its policy. That means banks take a sterner attitude to the way exporters perform before providing finance.

As the banks' risk has grown, so have their charges. The smaller companies are likely to be the first to feel this.

Does the greater commercialism and vigilance of the banks make export finance services harder to get? "It should not be harder to find finance," Mr Groom insists. "In the end, if an exporter has a good idea and knows what he is doing, he will get the finance."

Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

As we move ahead to the top of the world league tables

Britain's invisible lifeboat

Invisible exports are taking over from oil as the lifeboat keeping Britain afloat in the world economy. While the trade deficit in manufactured goods widens monthly, the surplus on services and other invisibles is growing.

Lord Limerick, chairman of the British Invisible Exports Council, is confident that Britain will soon take over from the United States at the top of the world league table of invisible exporters.

"In this table the UK has for many years earned the largest surplus in the world after the US," he says. "Latterly, escalating costs of overseas borrowing have eroded the US surplus so that Britain is likely to have the No. 1 position this year or next."

By invisible exports we mean the earnings from overseas of banking, insurance, the City, the shipping industry and tourism.

In addition, earnings on investments overseas add to Britain's invisible surplus, as do transfers from abroad to Britain such as refunds from the European Community budget.

So far this year Britain's balance of payments on current account has been in surplus by £429 million, and the invisible account has been in surplus by £7,314 million.

Next year, according to the Treasury's latest forecast, the invisible surplus will total £9.0 billion, within a current account which is in deficit by £1.5 billion.

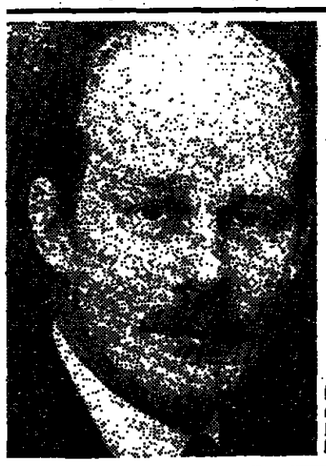
Clearly, without the growing contribution of invisible exports, the balance of payments would be in dire straits. And yet there is, apparently, no limit to the ability of the invisible exporters to do better.

The City has achieved a huge increase in its net overseas earnings. Last year, these were £7.6 billion, compared with £6.6 billion in 1984 and just £2 billion in 1980.

The Big Bang changes in the City of London, despite current difficulties, are expected to underline the City's position as the dominant financial centre in Europe.

Lord Limerick says: "We are already leaders with 25 per cent in value of international banking transactions, ahead of the United States with 15 per cent. The turnover in London's foreign exchange market averages $90 billion daily, half as much again as in New York. We attract the largest share, around 20 per cent, of the available world insurance premiums."

Within the City, insurance is the biggest net overseas earner. Lloyd's and the overseas portfolio earnings of the insurance companies generated an overseas surplus of £3.3 billion last year. In 1980, these earnings were less than £1 billion.



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Lord Limerick
Chairman of the British Invisible Exports Council

For the insurance companies, as well as pension funds and other financial institutions, the removal of exchange controls in 1979 provided an opportunity for a rapid build-up in overseas investment by British institutions.

Direct investments by British companies overseas are worth £80 billion, and investment in shares more than £100 billion.

One area of invisible exports, usually ignored but emphasized by the British Invisible Exports Council in its annual report published earlier this month, is consultancy services. British engineers, and management and economic consultants remain strongly in demand. Last year, consultancy earnings overseas totalled £1.15 billion.

"Overseas earnings of British consultants have increased substantially in recent years," says the BIEC, "despite increasingly aggressive competition from consultants in other countries.

"Some of these competitors are able to offer financial 'bait' as a means of securing follow-on orders for contractors, suppliers and manufacturers, to compete with the acknowledged commercial independence, worldwide experience and integrity of British consultants."

Invisible exports, like trade in goods, are often affected by unhelpful external factors. Thus, Britain's net earnings on the travel account were hit earlier this year by the decision of large numbers of Americans to avoid Europe as a holiday destination after the bombing of Libya.

But invisible earnings are also affected by the exchange rate and the performance of British manufacturing. The fall in sterling this year, notably against the Deutschmark and most other European currencies, will have the effect of providing a substantial boost to invisible earnings during the next two or three years.

But it is a mistake to regard the performance of services as divorced from that of manufacturing industry, as Lord Limerick has pointed out.

"However competitive our invisibles remain – and we predict they will – no foreseeable growth in the services sector can compensate for the eventual loss of our oil surplus, let alone the total foreign exchange requirement for importing our domestic energy consumption when the North Sea really runs dry.

"Nor can any foreseeable rate of growth in employment in services, where extra jobs will be numbered in tens of thousands rather than in millions, compensate for the jobs which have been lost in manufacturing industry.

"We remain convinced that the way forward for the economy is to maximize our trade in both visibles and invisibles by building on strengths and tackling weaknesses."

At the meeting of representatives of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in Punta del Este, Uruguay, in September, it was agreed that the next GATT round of trade reductions will involve services.

With the Big Bang the City has removed its trade barriers to the outside world. The results will not be clear for some time, but the response of the major financial groupings of the world in coming to the City in a big way gives cause for optimism.

In other areas, Britain would hope to gain from the worldwide liberalization of services. Within Europe, there are moves to ease exchange controls to allow freer movement of capital and the Britain's insurance industry can expect to gain substantially from the opening up of Germany's insurance market.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Nigel Lawson, has said that the opening up of the European market will offer major opportunities for Britain's financial sector.

"The City already has unparalleled expertise in financial services," he said earlier this month. "And greater liberalization of Europe's capital markets will open up more doors for it to sell that expertise abroad."

David Smith
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Payment in kind: A taste of the wine that made up the order for John Walker, Jeremy Wheeler and Alick Macaskill of MF Industrial; and right, a Rolls-Royce engine that can be paid for in dollars or, sometimes, oil

Pulling the cork in the barter game

Employees of a company which recently sold £1 million worth of earth-moving equipment to Tunisia will be celebrating Christmas with a bottle of something red that could truly be described as "cheeky" or even "a little impertinent".

They work for MF Industrial, the British subsidiary of a Canadian company with offices in Manchester, Coventry and London.

The wine arrived as part of one of the more unusual barter trade deals in which some companies have to become involved to keep up export sales in the world's poorer countries.

MF Industrial was forced into a barter arrangement to win the order for 60 earth-moving machines, agreeing to take 6,000 tonnes of fertilizer. At the last minute, it was found that the fertilizer was worth £20,000 less than the agreed value of the contract.

Companies in the barter trade business do not normally mind having to take fertilizer in exchange for their products. It is an internationally-traded commodity and, therefore, is easily disposed of through the barter trade departments which all major banks have based in the City.

But in this case the Tunisians did not have enough fertilizer to meet the shortfall. Their unusual suggestion was that the 12,000 bottles of rather potent red plonk they had on the dockside in Tunisia would be worth the difference — at £1.75p a bottle the sums added up.

Back in Britain the company did not really want to get involved. After all, it didn't have a drinks licence and in the wine bars of London, Coventry or Manchester the customers aren't exactly fighting to catch the waiter's eye for a bottle of Tunisian souveau.

The company got round the problem by selling the wine to its employees. Its export sales director, Jeremy Wheeler, while admitting that the company is not normally in favour of barter trade, said: "It is a way of creating a demand for our products and is satisfactory when there is no other way of doing that."

But there are many companies which embrace barter trading with much more enthusiasm. Many have found it the only real way of breaking into markets in the Eastern bloc or

Creating demand for products

Africa, where hard currency is now almost impossible to obtain.

At most Opec meetings in Geneva or Vienna there is at least one trader who is there to make sure that the capital goods needed by some of the member countries are available in exchange for oil, or that the oil can be traded on to the spot market at a satisfactory price.

There is more than one Arab with a Burberry look-alike trench coat in his wardrobe which was actually made in Poland and paid for in oil.

Most barter trade deals are, of course, much more sophisticated. Rolls-Royce production lines at Derby will remain busy because the Boeing 747s ordered by Saudi Arabia, specifically with British engines, will be paid for in dollars.

British Aerospace won its biggest order because it was prepared to take payment from Saudi in oil rather than cash. The aircraft makers have long realized that to do business in certain areas they have to barter and companies such as Boeing and British Aerospace have their own barter trade experts.

They find a way of placing the goods they have acquired in a market which is eager to pay the best price and compensate the original manufacturer of the goods involved.

Thus, Brazilian leather shoes have been used to pay for Italian pasta, which in turn has been used to pay for Soviet oil, which in turn has been used to pay for medical supplies for western African countries, which have paid in phosphates.

David Young

Better service is top priority

Priorities are changing at the Export Credits Guarantee Department, the Government office which provides insurance to cover British exporters against non-payment by buyers.

The emphasis now, says Jack Gill, its chief executive, is to speed up the provision of services and to greatly improve the efficiency of routine business.

During the past year, against a backdrop of a volatile oil price and mounting Third World debt problems, the ECGD has tried to attract a higher proportion of lower risk business while sharpening its marketing and customer service.

Founded in 1919, it is the world's oldest official export credit insurer and provides cover for 23 per cent of non-oil exports from Britain. It also is administrator of the subsidized interest rate export finance which cost the Government £401 million last year.

In theory, over a number of years, the ECGD is supposed to break even on its insurance business. But last year, although there was an improvement in the underlying trading account for the insurance operations, the department paid out £697.5 million in claims, compared with premium income of £175.5 million.

Once again the shortfall had to be met by borrowing from the Exchequer, bringing ECGD's loans from the Consolidated Fund to £756.2 million.

Poland, Nigeria and Brazil have been the main drains on resources.

However, a harder-nosed approach to risk evaluation and higher premiums for the most uncertain business mean Mr Gill is confident that liabilities incurred since 1983 should, on present trends, pay their way.

Most important for customers, is the ECGD's new commitment to service.

Companies should already be benefiting from the recent computerization of details of claims which has created an extensive database of previous defaults and payouts.

With the improved claims database, it should prove more efficient to automatically accept the buyer unless a computer search reveals some past problem. Whereas less than 20 per cent of applications used to be dealt with within 24 hours, ECGD is now aiming to deal with nearly half within that time.

A close watch will be kept on the new regime, which started just three weeks ago, and it may be extended to other countries.

A number of other services are also being reviewed. On the export finance side of the business, the guarantee of short-term export credit given by banks to exporters is being phased out and is now only available for credits of more than two years. The OECD consensus rates stipulate what the minimum interests rates can be for subsidized export finance and then the ECGD guarantees the loan.

This year greater effort will be put into recovering more of the money paid out in claims. Last year, recoveries fell from £327 million to £173 million and more resources are to be put into improving this figure.

Teresa Poole

The right advice on export

Membership of a trade association, business organization or professional institute can pay dividends for anyone contemplating exporting for the first time.

Although the British Overseas Trade Board will help with researching the market in broad terms, the best source of detailed practical guidance will come from a company in a similar product area which is already trading in the prospective country of export.

Participation in trade missions organized by the big chambers of commerce is an excellent way of making contact with airlines, banks and other services.

The London Chamber of Commerce, for instance, sent 18 trade missions to 21 countries last year. In addition, of the 54,000 inquiries it received 24,000 were for business contacts and trade opportunities, followed by nearly 6,000 about UK and overseas government regulations; 5,000 were about trade and business names and 1,500 were requests for statistics.

Birmingham, which with 4,500 member companies is the second largest chamber, organized 14 trade missions and helped with the same number of joint-venture projects and overseas exhibitions last year.

Among the facilities offered by the Confederation of British Industry to exporters are six "talking point" leaflets on the right environment for growth; government support for exporting companies; education and training; market research and planning; innovation and the mechanics of exporting.

The Institute of Marketing is also a useful source of advice about exporting. During the past 12 months it has been running a series of nine marketing seminars in conjunction with the BOTB, which began in conjunction with Export '85 last November and will culminate with this year's exhibition.

Ian Griffith, the institute's director of marketing, has been telling these meetings: "It is essential to define your export objectives clearly and make sure they are consistent with overall strategic objectives; use market research; visit markets personally; and, in the beginning, concentrate your efforts on one or two markets."

In addition to an adviser who deals specifically with questions about export, the Institute of Directors now has a new "on-line" information service. At a cost of between £20 and £40 this will, for instance, provide brief details of individual European companies and lists of companies whose activities meet specific criteria.

With so much advice available, the first-time exporter does not have to "go it alone". But "the company must be committed to an export strategy at boardroom level", advises John Wilson, director-general of the Institute of Export.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

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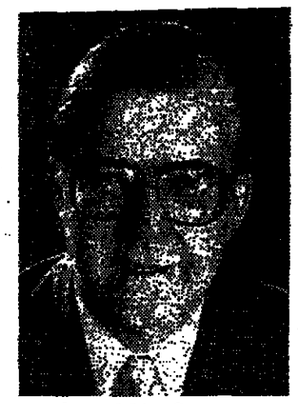
Last year, 38 of Britain's polytechnics and major colleges made £10 million through the PICKUP adult training scheme. Here **Kenneth Baker** advises go-head companies who are seeking long-term profits: 'PICKUP or pack-up'



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No part of the labour market into which our graduates and school-leavers enter can be immune if it wants to survive. It is as true for agriculture as it is for engineering. It applies to the shop-floor and to the boardroom.

And the pace of change is faster. It took a century for the advances of the first industrial revolution to spread around the globe. It now takes a decade at most. *It means continuing education and training is now a fact of working life.* Our industrial competitors realize it and so must we.

Our colleges, polytechnics and universities are now rising to this challenge. Through new adult *training initiatives they are help*ing employees to keep their skills sharp and to boost the efficiency *and effectiveness of the firms they* work for. What we are talking about is PICKUP — training for profit.

PICKUP stands for professional, industrial and commercial updating. It is our programme to help colleges, polytechnics and universities increase and improve training and updating for working adults. After four years it is showing solid achievement in the amount of adult training provided for employers.

Growth nationally is now about 11 per cent. Where colleges, polytechnics and universities have made a major commitment to PICKUP, average annual growth is 40 per cent.

Thirty eight of our polytechnics and major colleges are turning over more than £100,000 a year from PICKUP training. The five leaders have turnovers in excess of £500,000 a year and at least one will leap the £1 million mark this year. Together, the 38 made more than £10 million and taught nearly 3 million student hours last year.

We are not subsidizing training, we are investing a change. PICKUP does not pay for "courses", *it works as a catalyst,* identifying key areas where action is needed and is likely to pay off in terms of increased performance.

This includes the development of new teaching methods and materials in areas such as robotics and mid-career updating for engineers. Sixty projects have been set up so far.

It means helping groups of colleges to work together in a team approach to training, to provide easier access for firms, better marketing and a wider range of *training. There are now 20 of these* PICKUP consortia.

We have paid for the appointment of development officers — in the regions, in most of our universities and, soon, in virtually *all our education authorities.* These PICKUP missionaries have brought some remarkable conversions. One London college last year increased its PICKUP hours from 3,000 to 14,000.

A major staff development programme has been launched to keep college teachers up to date in their subjects and in the skills they now need to bring learning to working adults. Courses cover marketing skills and priority areas *such as advanced manufacturing* technology, new materials science and computer-aided design.

PICKUP has also helped colleges in market research and in developing lasting links with firms. More than 350 local collaborative projects now involve 2,500 firms and 300 colleges, *polytechnics* and universities — about half the nation's total.

The rewards can be great. A college in Humberside earned £100,000 in one year through training for the offshore industry thanks to such a project.

The programme is also helping employers directly. A comprehensive guide to sources of funding for adult training — *Paying for Training* — was published four months ago. Already it is in its second reprint and a second edition will appear next spring.

Another report — *A Partnership in Learning* — was commissioned from the Institute of Personal Management. It looks at 127 college-company collaborations around the country and comes up with the key issues that lead to successful training partnerships.

PICKUP has also produced a national directory of short courses and training opportunities. Available on microfiche, floppy disk and Prestel, it now contains 6,000 entries.

Employers bear the responsibility for training their employees. The test is whether they will pay for it. Therefore, we expect colleges and universities themselves *to adopt a business-like approach.* We are providing funds on this understanding.

In putting further money into PICKUP I am asking colleges to do three things:

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We are now moving in the right direction — but not fast enough. On current national trends we would produce only a threefold increase in PICKUP by the mid-1990s. My target is more ambitious. I want to see a fivefold increase in the next five years — by 1992.

To this end, spending on PICKUP next year will double from this year's £6 million to £12.25 million. In particular, this will include funding aimed at the higher education colleges and polytechnics on the one hand, and at the universities on the other.

Britain's training record must improve. At stake are better living standards and an improved quality of life. That is the message for individuals. For firms, innovation and training are now directly linked to competitiveness and long-term profitability. The message for them is "PICKUP or pack-up".

● **For more information about PICKUP, contact: Adult Training Promotions Unit, Room 2/14, Department of Education and Science, Elizabeth House, York Road, London SE1 7PH (01-934 0859/9886).**

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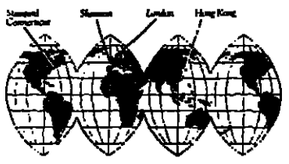

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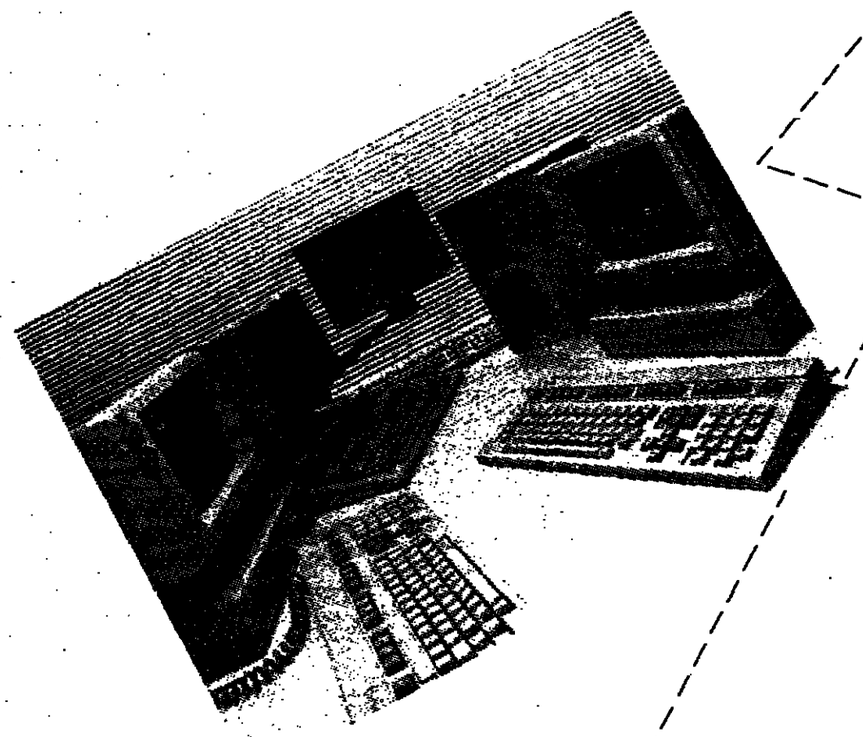

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Coping with corporate change

Psychology can help organizations cope with change in technology, says Andrew Kerr in the first of a two part series

An increasing number of organizations responding to the need of technological change are discovering, to their cost, a rarely identified factor – that of cultural change. On emerging from recession, they find that their most valuable resource – their employees – has changed.

The failure to recognize cultural change can be costly, both in terms of time and money. This is best illustrated by the following account of one company's experience which is, unfortunately, no fairy story but typifies what many organizations are finding.

A Midlands-based company in the sales and distribution industry, which was founded in the 1960s, grew rapidly to about 1,000 staff by the mid 1970s.

Its management team was typified by young, professionally qualified, forward-looking and ambitious people – let's call them adapters. Ambition and ability were, of course, to be found at all levels within the organization, but the bulk of the workforce consisted of competent and reliable individuals with a preference for work which was stable, structured and well-defined – the maintainers.

The company responded to recession by reducing recruitment to virtually zero

Reducing recruitment to zero is not always the best move

and introducing a programme of voluntary redundancies. Plans to introduce automated handling equipment and computerized financial and administrative systems were put on ice.

The very nature of the "adapters" led to their rejection of the static environment and their successful recruitment elsewhere. The maintainers stayed on and the need to promote from below led to frequent appointments of maintainers at senior management level (including director level). In this way the company's culture slowly changed over a period of time.

Emerging recently from recession they began to implement those technological changes that had been recommended much earlier. What had been planned as a gradual change taking four to five years was rushed through during the past 14 months.

Many parts of the organization are meeting these changes with passive resentment and occasionally with open hostility. In addition, a significant number of employees are experiencing great difficulty in learning the new skills required.

As I write, much of the new technology is lying idle as the company frantically (and expensively) recruits new blood and attempts to woo back some of its former employees in an attempt to cope with what has rapidly become a crisis.

So what lessons can be learnt? While it may not always be possible to retain key employees, an awareness of the types of people within the organization can help to identify problems – present and potential.

But how may this be done? What assumptions can be made about an employee's future abilities? How will he respond to change? Is it even possible to obtain an accurate and unbiased analysis of present performance?

To help find the answers and gain an understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of their employees, more and more organizations are turning to occupational psychologists.

Using established psychometric techniques – psychometrics is that branch of psychology dealing with measurable factors – skilled psychologists can advise on abilities, attitudes, personality and potential of employees and job candidates. Such analysis is invaluable in recruitment, internal promotions and company reorganizations.

Take, for example, the promotion from a field-based position in sales or service into an office-based managerial role. The demands of the two roles are often radically different, with the field role needing a measure of self-sufficiency, an ability to establish a rapport quickly and an ability to make decisions quickly and autonomously.

But the managerial role may require the ability to develop, motivate and work in a team, administrative skills and an ability to cope with the complex and long-term issues. Skilled occupational psychologists can advise on whether an individual is likely to make the successful transition and thereby lessen the risk of making a wrong appointment and costly error.

Many organizations rely on psychological assessment. One major vehicle manufacturer recently wished to introduce a new computerized stores control. The main advantage of such a change would be that it would allow for lower stock levels. The problem was that many of the long-service stores staff were solidly set in their ways.

This organization had accumulated, over the years, psychological assessments of most of its staff. They knew that some of the stores people would never cope with the change while others, very able individuals, were likely to thrive on it.

A "task force", made up of managers, together with a few of the most able stores people, was appointed to educate the stores department and prepare for the introduction of new system. By encouraging a small number of early retirements and monitoring the introduction of the new system carefully, a smooth transition was accomplished.

The traumas experienced by what was then British Leyland during the late 1970s and early 1980s have been described by Sir Michael Edwardes in his book *Back from the Brink*. He illustrates how occupational psychologists contributed to manpower planning and management development during a time when the managerial staff were having to cope with extra demands and increasing levels of personal stress.

Returning to the sales and distribution company, a programme of psychological assessments was initiated and identified areas of weakness within the organisational structure, some suspected, some not. The psychologist looking at the organization had no preconceived ideas of what they were looking for, but were able to take a fresh and unbiased view of the company's manpower.

In doing so, and this is often the case, they did not simply identify potential adaptors among the maintainers. People who, while doing a perfectly adequate job in one area, had much to offer to an-

The psychologist can take a fresh and unbiased view

other function within the company, were found.

For example, two individuals who have spent all their working lives on the shop floor, have as a result of psychometric testing and counselling, more than happily accepted promotions into customer liaison. Others who, perhaps because of their educational background, were assumed by the company to have limited abilities were identified as having considerable potential.

Such assessments now form an integral part of the company's recruitment and management appraisal programme.

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The recession has had a profound impact on organizational structure, with organizations that have successfully adapted to the altered environment changing as a result of it. But the companies surviving this "natural selection" do not necessarily have a cultural climate that is able to meet future demands. Occupational psychologists are becoming a recognised necessity in assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the people that make up organisations, especially the key managerial staff.

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TENNIS

Gomer and Croft given chance to restore faith

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Sara Gomer and Annabel Croft, who could be better players than has yet been evident, will represent Britain in the first division of the European Cup competition, a new event, at Eindhoven during the next four days.

Belinda Borneo, aged 20, will serve as sparring partner and reserve, thus advancing her education in the special stress of international team competition. Virginia Wade will captain the team and Owen Davidson has been engaged as coach.

The obvious absentees are Jo Durie, who is taking a break from competition until the Australian championships in January, and Anne Hobbs, who has not been invited because Sue Mappin, the national team manager, wanted to keep faith with the younger players — Miss Gomer and Miss Croft — who won their group when the qualifying competition was played in January at Loano on the Gulf of Genoa.

That was not the usual kind of qualifying competition. It was necessary to sort out the nations competing in this inaugural tournament so that they could be placed in three divisions of six. The second division will play at Loano and the third division at Maribor, Yugoslavia.

In every division the teams will at first compete in two groups of three. The most successful nations will then contest the championship (or promotion) and the least successful will play off to decide relegation. Ties will consist of two singles and a doubles.

The corresponding men's event, originally a Swedish initiative, has been played in various forms since 1936 and has achieved an ambiguous status. The competition is genuine but the stronger nations tend to use the European Cup tournament to test potential recruits to their world championship teams, who compete for the Davis Cup and Federation Cup.

Sweden have won the men's event more often than any other nation and their women, led by Katarina Lindqvist, must be slightly favoured in Eindhoven. The other teams in the Swedish group will be Switzerland and The Netherlands.

Britain's first opponents, today, will be a team of promising West Germans, notably Claudia Porwik. Then Britain must tackle a more formidable French team, led by Catherine Tanvier.

Britain could win their group and would have an outside chance against Sweden in the final. On the other hand France may beat Britain 2-1, with the doubles probably the key match. At worst, Britain should consolidate their first division status.

Miss Durie and Miss Hobbs were beaten 3-0 by Denmark in July, in the first round of the Federation Cup competition, and four weeks ago a makeshift American team inflicted on Britain their heaviest home defeat in the Wightman Cup for 34 years. Britain took only one set from Denmark and, in seven matches, only two from the United States.

Miss Gomer and Miss Croft were preferred to Miss Hobbs in the Wightman Cup contest and are young enough to improve. In Eindhoven they will have an obvious chance to rescue a little dignity from the wreckage of Britain's 1986 ambitions.

Their task, however, will not be easy and much will depend on whether they have the self-assurance to exploit chances as well as the ability to create them.

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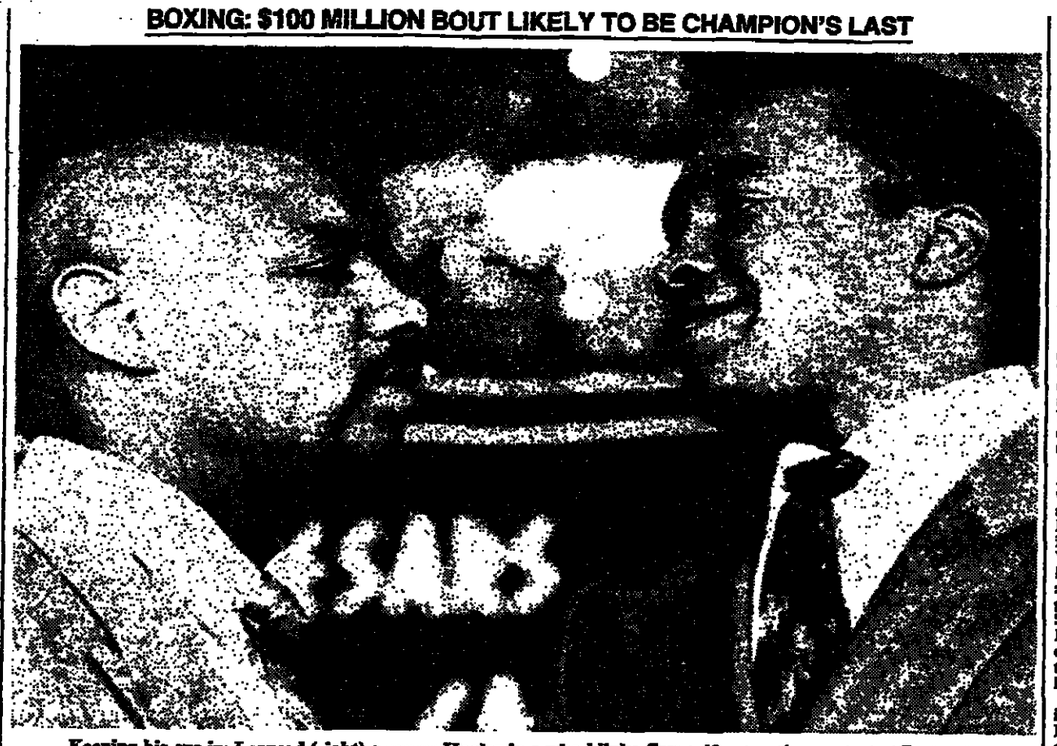

Keeping his eye in: Leonard (right) engages Hagler in a who-blinks-first self-promotion contest at Bethesda

Hagler is heading for sell-out

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

The $50 million (about £35 million) World Boxing Council bout between Marvin Hagler, the undisputed world middleweight champion, and Sugar Ray Leonard, the former welterweight and lightweight champion, is heading for a sell-out. A crowd of 50,000 are expected at Caesars Palace on April 6.

The $100 (the cheapest), $200 and $600 seats are already gone and a few more eyeball-to-eyeball publicity meetings, such as the one at Bethesda, Maryland, yesterday, and not even the $700 ringside seats will be left. Over 1,000 newspaper men are expected to attend, the *Washington Post* alone having asked for 10 accreditations.

The bout is expected to gross $100 million. Hagler will receive $37 million and Leonard only $13 million, as he wanted a flat guarantee rather than a percentage of the gross. It will be Hagler's thirteenth defence and, though it will leave him one short of Carlos Monzon's record 14 successive middleweight defences, Hagler is unlikely to continue after this bout.

At the age of 32, some say a good bit more, he may not have the desire to carry on, especially if he is stripped of the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation titles for meeting Leonard and not their respective No. 1 challengers, Herol Graham, of Sheffield, and Thomas Hearns, of Detroit.

At a recent Press conference in New York, Hagler said: "I have been looking forward to this fight for years and have been saving my mind and body for this moment. There is no one else for me out there. I realize that if this is my last fight I am going to make it my best fight and come out smokin'."

Leonard, aged 30, has not boxed since 1984 after a retina operation.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Hutchings crusade to restore England to former glory

By David Powell

Tim Hutchings, England's finest cross-country runner of the past decade, has set up a one-man campaign to restore the nation's position as a leading world power. England's reputation over the country has declined as markedly in recent years as her standing in track and field has risen. But, Hutchings believes, the machinery is there to become great again: the problem is the people who are operating it.

You only have to list the names — Buckner, Solly, Lewis, McLeod, Clarke, Binns and Hutchings himself — to recognize a team of potential world champions. But the English Cross Country Union's primitive selection procedure has relegated their team to two successive eighth places, their lowest ever position, instead of allowing them to challenge for the world title which they used to win more often than not, but have not now won since 1980.

Hutchings has decided to take action, writing to England's leading 25 cross-country runners asking them to "call the selectors' bluff" and contest the inter-counties championship which takes place earlier in the season than the national championship. That way, Hutchings suggests, they would be obliged to give equal consideration to both races when making their selections.

Although the ECCU have informed Hutchings that the inter-counties will be used to help decide the team, Hutchings believes that will happen only if a strong field takes part. "I am going to call their bluff and run the inter-counties and, if I do well, hope to be selected for the England," he said yesterday.

The Crawley man, whose world championship aspirations were ruined last winter when he was injured running an arduous nine-mile national just three weeks before the international highlight of the season, added: "It would be nice to have those extra weeks to prepare for the world championship knowing that I don't have to run the national."

Hutchings's crusade gains further momentum tomorrow when he attends an historic meeting between athletes and ECCU selectors and management to discuss the future of the team. Hutchings will put forward his plan to build a squad of world championship winning quality on the eve of his appearance in the McVitie's Challenge — probably the highest standard cross-country event of the season in England. At Gateshead, his early season form will be tested by the likes of Binns, Lewis and Cram (England), Hackney (Wales), Muir (Scotland), Domingos Castro (Portugal) and Gonzalez (Spain).

"The ECCU remain in the nineteenth century," Hutchings, the 1984 world silver medal winner and reigning national champion, said. "Every aspect of athletics is commercial, but the ECCU don't even give grants for warm-weather training.

EQUESTRIANISM

Pony Club scheme for recreation incentives

By Jenny MacArthur

The Pony Club yesterday launched its Countryside Award Scheme aimed at increasing members' knowledge of wildlife and the country and providing an imaginative project for the less competitive element of its 36,000-strong membership.

In traditional disciplines of showjumping, dressage and horse trials, the Pony Club has become fiercely competitive — and, while this has helped produce most of Britain's top riders including Ginny Leng, Lucinda Green and Mark Phillips, it has also created a gap between the competitive and non-competitive members.

The Mounted Games, started by Prince Philip and aimed at closing the gap by providing something for the less ambitious riders, is now one of the most competitive "disciplines" of all. The scheme, announced at the Pony Club annual conference at Cardiff by Ernest McMillen, the chairman, is designed for all members whether or not they own a pony and whether belonging to a rural or urban branch.

It is based on the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards and was devised by Sue Waterer, a member of the Pony Club Council, helped by Maj. James Pinney, chairman of the training committee. The three awards (under 11, 14 and 17) each involve four sections: Horsemastership, service, countryside knowledge and country pursuits. Suggestions for the service section range from litter clearing to entertaining parties of inner-city, deprived or handicapped children.

The success of the scheme relies heavily on voluntary help — one of the projects for the under 17s involves planning a two-hour route through the country, on horse, foot or bicycle, "with an accompanying adult." The member must be prepared to comment on everything of interest on the way.

RUGBY LEAGUE DIARY

Kangaroos sifted the wheat from the straw

In a purely playing sense, the feeling in the wake of the whirlwind Australian tour is rather like the sensations left behind by boisterous and unruly children at a Christmas party. The Kangaroos have left behind dazed and battered hosts, and on the field a trail of destruction. Yet their departure has left the domestic scene flat in the return to dull routine.

Like the Assyrians, the Australians came down like wolves on the fold, scattering and devouring the best that Britain could offer, until at last in the final international at Wigan the invaders were met head-on, the barriers went up, and British Rugby League regained pride and passion. Last Saturday's epic battle at Central Park, in which only a couple of debatable refereeing decisions tilted the scales towards Australia, came just in the nick of time.

The self-respect of the game in this country was saved. International rugby league came alive again, and the World Cup may yet become a tournament and not a cakewalk for Australia. Club, schoolboy, youth and amateur rugby league took renewed heart. Britain's final performance probably came just in time to save Maurice Bamford, the Great Britain coach, and his management team. Another thrashing after Old Trafford and Elland Road would have placed the pistol of resignation at Bamford's temples, and given the Rugby League a painful decision to consider. Now, on the evidence of Saturday's brave and often extremely skilful display by the Lions, Bamford, Les Bettinson, the manager, and Phil Larder, the assistant coach, and their team deserve an extended term. In the New Year, Great Britain can try out their new-found determination against France.

Although there were many who were ready to call for the head of Bamford after the first two internationals, certain questions need to be asked before such a step could be justified. Firstly, who could replace him? Secondly, there is the larger question about the whole future of British rugby league, with the now entrenched opinion that the game in this country is inferior to the game in Australia, with Bamford and his team making the best of inadequate material.

Even if he was replaced by Alex Murphy, Peter Fox, Malcolm Reilly or any other pretender, the situation would remain the same, with the new incumbent making the same bricks with the same shortage of straw.

To emphasize what this column has reiterated in recent weeks, the 13-a-side code in Britain needs revolution from the schoolboy game upwards.

If there is any supporter or official who needs further reminder of the gap between this country and Australia, they can watch the progress during the next few weeks of the Australian schoolboys squad that arrived yesterday for their tour. They are likely to do to our best youth teams exactly what their seniors did to Great Britain.

Keith Macklin

Bamford saved by final performance

Car firm's £1m boost for the ITF

The International Tennis Federation have received a £1 million-plus sponsorship boost from General Motors.

Under the three-year deal, announced in London yesterday by Hans Wilhelm Gaeb, vice-president of public affairs at G.M.'s European headquarters in Zurich, the European division of the American motor giants will have exclusive car company advertising rights at major ITF tournaments, including the Davis and Federation cup competitions.

General Motors are also to become the main sponsors of the men's European indoor team championship, which will in future be known as the Opel European Cup, and the World Youth Cup.

Philippe Chatrier, the ITF president, said: "This is a very great addition to our sponsorship because General Motors have a great network of cars around the world, which will be of benefit to us at our tournaments."

Opel, part of the G.M. group, have been involved in tennis for a number of years, including sponsoring Steffi Graf, of West Germany, the world No. 3 woman player.

Meanwhile, in Melbourne, it was announced that the Davis Cup final between Australia and Sweden, scheduled to be played in Kooyong from December 26 to 28, is a sell-out. Australian officials said that the last tickets for the final were sold yesterday morning.

Australia's last Davis Cup final meeting with Sweden, at Kooyong in 1983, was also a sell-out.

McEnroe stranded by Becker power

Atlanta (AP) — In a match dominated by powerful serving, Boris Becker finally overcame John McEnroe with his service returns to secure a 6-3, 5-7, 7-5 victory in the first round of the £320,000 AT-and-T challenge. Earlier, Ivan Lendl frequently passed Miloslav Mecir at the net to beat his fellow Czechoslovak 6-4, 6-3.

Becker, the Wimbledon champion who is seeded third in the eight-man round robin tournament, broke McEnroe in the fifth and ninth games to win the first set, while conceding only one point on his own service.

McEnroe, the sixth seed, cashed in on the first break point of the second set in the eleventh game when the West German pushed an easy return wide. The American then held serve to draw level.

The second game of the third set opened in bizarre fashion when McEnroe was deducted a penalty point between games, but Becker sportingly conceded the next point and lost the game before the pattern of both players failing to even reach deuce on their opponent's service resumed.

The end was as sudden as it was unexpected: Becker suddenly finding inspiration to unleash return-of-service winners to take the match.

Lendl, the world No. 1, had little difficulty dealing with Mecir, breaking his countryman's serve twice in the first set and immediately again in the second. Mecir had his only glimmer of success to draw level at 2-2.

In the decisive fifth game, Lendl came back from 40-15 down to break Mecir again and and the top seed then stamped his authority on the match in the final game on Mecir's service.

RESULTS: First round: I Lendl (Cz) bt M Mecir (Cz), 6-4, 6-3; B Becker (WG) bt J McEnroe (US), 6-3, 5-7, 7-6.

Top-seed Gomez wins

Rio de Janeiro (AP) — Andres Gomez, of Ecuador, defeated Brazil's Ricardo Acioly 7-5, 6-4 in the first round of the $145,000 (about £100,000) Sul America Open tournament on Tuesday.

Gomez, ranked No. 10 in the world, is the top seed in the tournament, which began on Monday on the resort island of Itaparica, 1,055 miles north-east of Rio de Janeiro.

In other first-round matches, Mark Dickson, ranked No. 94 in the world, defeated Rick Leach, his fellow American, 7-6 (7-2), 6-4, Julio Goes beat Canada's Martin Wostenholme 6-3, 6-1, and Brazil's Joao Soares overcame Argentina's Roberto Saad 3-6, 7-6 (10-8), 6-2.

In the second round, Brazil's Ivan Kley moved into the quarter-finals after defeating Austria's Horst Skoff, ranked No. 42 in the world, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3. France's Jean Fleurian upset Peruvian Jaime Yzaga on Monday and followed it up by beating Brazil's Luis Mattar 7-6 (7-0), 4-6, 6-1 on Tuesday.

The tournament ends on Saturday.

Queen's Bench Divisional Court — Law Report November 27 1986 — Privy Council

'Experience' to be construed widely

Regina v Croydon London Borough Council, Ex parte Leney

Before Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Russell

[Judgment November 26]

The requirement in paragraph 5 of Part II of Schedule 1 to the Education Act 1944 that every education committee of a local education authority should include "persons of experience in education" fell to be construed widely and did not require a member to have undergone training or experience as a teacher.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an application by Mr Thomas Leney, secretary of the Croydon Teachers' Association of the National Union of Teachers, for judicial review of the decision of the Secretary of State for Education and Science on June 17, 1985 whereby he declined to intervene under section 68 of the Education Act 1944 to direct the Croydon London Borough Council to reconstitute its education committee.

Mr Martin Reynolds for the applicant; Miss Elizabeth Appleby, QC and Miss Genevra Caws for the council.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that it had been the policy of the council not to co-opt teachers on to the education committee, which was the main body responsible for the provision of educational facilities in the borough of Croydon, because it took the view that that committee should only comprise elected members. Teachers were, however, co-opted to various subcommittees.

That policy was not acceptable to the National Union of Teachers and a complaint was made to the secretary of state in July 1984. In that letter of complaint it was said that, uniquely among local education authorities in England and Wales, Croydon made no provision for co-opting members on to the education committee.

In a letter dated February 28, 1985, from the council to the Department of Education and Science details of the experience of the current members of the education committee were given.

They showed that only one of the members had actual teaching experience. All the members had had substantial contact with educational matters, having either been members of the committee for a number of years, governors of schools inside or outside the borough, or parents of children attending schools. In most cases members fulfilled two or more of those criteria.

The applicant's contention was that only those who had actually been teachers or trained as such or were involved in research in the area of teaching were capable of coming within the terms of paragraph 5 of Part II of Schedule 1 to the Education Act 1944.

Those words should be given their ordinary and natural meaning. The words themselves did not import the necessity of a technical qualification or of having had teaching experience.

In the course of argument, various examples were put forward. One was that of a hypothetical member of the committee who had recently retired after being a bursar for 35 years at a school. Would such a person have had experience in education? Or would a retired member of the Department of Education and Science itself. Could it not be said that he would be a person with experience in education? Both examples clearly fell within the *ambit* of the words in paragraph 5.

In the circumstances one could not construe the words restrictively as contended for by the applicant. The description was applicable to the members of the committee referred to in the letter of February 28, 1985. The application would be dismissed.

Mr Justice Russell agreed.

Solicitors: H. Pierce; Mr Richard G. Hemmings, Croydon.

Duty to return tenant's deposit does not concern the land

Hua Chiao Commercial Bank Ltd v Chiaphua Industries Ltd (formerly known as Chiap Hua Clockes & Watches Ltd)

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton, Lord Goff of Chieveley and Sir Ivor Richardson

[Judgment November 25]

The obligation of a landlord under a clause in a lease to return at the expiration of the term a security deposit paid by the tenant was not an obligation which touched and concerned the land, and therefore an assignee of the reversion was not obliged to repay money which it had never received.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council so held in allowing as appeal by Hua Chiao Commercial Bank Ltd from the judgment of the Court of Appeal of Hong Kong on April 18, 1985, allowing an appeal by the tenant, Chiaphua Industries Ltd (formerly known as Chiap Hua Clocks & Watches Ltd) from a judgment of Mr Justice Mayo on January 14, 1985, in the High Court, whereby he dismissed the tenant's appeal from the order of Master Boa dismissing the tenant's application for a declaration that the bank was liable to return to the tenant the security deposit of HK $277,896.

Mr Michael Barnes, QC and Mr John Furber for the bank; Mr Jonathan Sumption, QC, for the tenant.

LORD OLIVER said that by a lease, Fook Kin Enterprises Co Ltd, as landlord, granted to the tenant a lease of certain premises in Hong Kong for a term of five years from February 1, 1979.

Clause 4(h) provided that the tenant should pay to the landlord $277,896 as a security deposit on or before the signing of the lease and if there should be no breach of any of the terms and conditions on the part of the tenant the deposit should be returned to the tenant at the expiration of the term.

In 1982 Fook Kin mortgaged its interest in the reversion to the bank by way of assignment with provision for re-assignment on repayment of capital and interest. Nothing was expressed about the security deposit.

Following default by Fook Kin under the mortgage, on January 15, 1983, the bank took possession of the mortgaged property and took receipt of the rents and profits. Fook Kin subsequently went into liquidation.

The security deposit, which was equivalent to two months rent, had been paid by the tenant to Fook Kin at the commencement of the lease. On January 31, 1984, the lease expired. The tenant was not then in breach of any of the terms and conditions nor was any breach before or after the assignment of the reversion to the bank suggested.

It was not in dispute that the test of whether the original landlord's covenant to return the amount of the deposit was enforceable against a successor in title was the same as if the lease had been a lease of land in England, that was to say, whether the covenant was one "entered into by a lessor with reference to the subject-matter of the lease" or, to use the common law terminology, whether it was a covenant which "touches and concerns the land".

Nor was there any disagreement about the formulation of the test for determining whether any given covenant touched and concerned the land. Their Lordships had been referred to and were content to adopt the passage in *Cheshire and Burn's Modern Law of Real Property* (13th edition (1982) p430-431).

The critical question was whether, assuming that as a matter of construction of the clause there could be deducted the intention by the original parties that the benefit and burden of the landlord's obligation for payment should pass without express assignment or novation to and against successors in title, that was a result which, having regard to the nature and purpose of the obligation, was capable of achievement. As regarded that question their Lordships found themselves unable to agree with the decision reached by the Court of Appeal in Hong Kong.

In the High Court Mr Justice Mayo, in holding that the landlord's obligation to "return" the deposit was not one which ran with the reversion, relied upon *In re Hunter's Lease* ([1942] Ch 124) and *In re Dollar Land Corporation Ltd v Solomon* ([1963] 39 DLR (2d) 221) where the relevant facts were substantially indistinguishable from those in the instant case. In that case Mr Justice Grant in the Ontario High Court concluded (at p226) after an extensive review of the English authorities:

"It would appear ... that such an arrangement as is set forth in the guarantee clause of the lease ... is a personal obligation only between the immediate landlord and his lessee. It is not such an arrangement as deals with 'the subject-matter of the lease'. As Dollar Land received no part of the $165 paid by the tenant Solomon, I do not find any obligation on its part to now repay the same to Solomon."

The Court of Appeal of Hong Kong declined to follow that authority, observing that although the cases cited to Mr Justice Grant supported the general proposition that a covenant by a party to a lease to pay a sum at the end of the term was personal to the original parties, he did not have (and nor did Mr Justice Mayo) the benefit of the citation of the two English cases which put a gloss upon that general proposition, namely *Mansel v Norton* ([1883] 22 ChD 769) and *Lord Howard de Walden v Barber* ([1903] 19 TLR 183).

With respect to the Court of Appeal, their Lordships did not find either of those cases of great assistance in the solution of the question raised by the appeal.

The tenant argued that in as much as its obligation to pay over the deposit on the execution of the lease was an obligation to secure the performance of covenants which touched and concerned the land, it was an obligation inextricably associated with covenants whose benefit and burden would pass with the reversion in the lease respectively.

The landlord's obligation to repay if those covenants were observed was, it was argued, inseparable from that associated obligation and therefore possessed the same characteristics as the covenants whose performance was secured by the associated obligation. To put it another way, the obligation to deposit was an obligation of the tenant assumed by him *qua* tenant and it followed that the correlative obligation of the landlord was an obligation assumed by him *qua* landlord.

That the original tenant's obligation to make the deposit was "bound up" with his obligation to perform the tenant's covenants in the lease was undeniable, but the former was a once-for-all contractual obligation between the original parties as to which no question of transfer with the term or with the reversion could arise.

The appeal was concerned with the landlord's obligation to repay once the lease had expired without breach of covenant, there being neither any obligation on the original landlord to pay over the amount of the deposit to an assignee of the reversion nor any obligation on the original tenant to assign to an assignee of the term his contractual right to receive back the amount of the deposit when and if the condition for its repayment was fulfilled.

It was bound up with the tenant's covenant only, as it were, at one remove, as being an obligation correlative to a contractual obligation which was itself connected with the performance of covenants touching and concerning the land.

The tenant strongly relied upon *Moss Empires Ltd v Olympia (Liverpool) Ltd* ([1939] AC 544) but that was a very different case and their Lordships were not persuaded that it was, or was ever intended to be, authority for the proposition that every covenant which was related, however obliquely, to some other obligation which touched and concerned the land necessarily took on from that very relationship the same character as regarded transmissibility to or against successors in title.

To say that the obligation to "return" the amount of the deposit was "inextricably bound up with" covenants which touched and concerned the land did not answer the critical question of whether it itself touched and concerned the land.

It did not *per se* affect the nature, quality or value of the land either during or at the end of the term. It did not *per se* affect the mode of using or enjoying that which was demised. To ask whether it affected the landlord *qua* landlord or the tenant *qua* tenant begged the question. It did so only if it ran with the reversion or with the land respectively.

There was not, on any conceivable construction of the clause, anything which either divested the original tenant of his contractual right to receive back, after assignment, the deposit which he had paid or which entitled an assignee from him to claim the benefit of the sum to the exclusion of his assignor; and, plainly, the money could not be repaid more than once.

Equally, there was not on any conceivable construction anything in the clause which entitled the assignee of the reversion to take over from his assignor the benefit of the sum deposited or which obliged the assignee, in enforcing the covenants against the tenant for the time being, to give credit for money which he had never received and to which he had no claim.

The deposit was paid to the original payee because it was security for the performance of contractual obligations assumed throughout the term by the payer and because the payee was the party with whom the contract was entered into, but it was more realistic to regard the obligation as one entered into with the landlord *qua* payee rather than *qua* landlord.

By demanding and receiving the security, he assumed the obligation of any mortgagee to repay on the stipulated condition and that obligation remained as between himself and the original payer, throughout the period of the lease, even though neither party might, when the condition was fulfilled, have any further interest in the land demised.

The nature of the obligation was simply that of an obligation to repay money which had been received and it was neither necessary or logical, simply because the conditions of repayment related to the performance of covenants in a lease, that the transfer of the reversion should create in the transferee an additional and coextensive obligation to pay money which he had never received and in which he never had any interest, or that the assignment of the term should vest in the assignee the right to receive a sum which he had never paid.

In re Dollar Land Corporation Ltd v Solomon ([1963] 39 DLR (2d) 221) was rightly decided. In all material respects it was indistinguishable from the instant case. Their Lordships recommended that the appeal should be allowed.

Solicitors: Clifford-Turner; Turner Kenneth Brown.

Summary application

Belsham v William Dawson & Sons Ltd and Another

Where a judge was invited at the beginning of the trial of an action to give judgment for the plaintiff forthwith on all or part of his claim and then to proceed with the trial of the defendant's counterclaim, he should treat the application as if it were an application for summary judgment under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court and follow the practice set out in note 14/3-4/13 in *The Supreme Court Practice 1985*.

It was most undesirable, even in urgent matters, that a note of the judgment below should be put before the Court of Appeal without the judge having been asked to approve it, if only informally.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Purchas and Lord Justice Nourse) so stated on November 25, allowing the defendant's appeal from an order of Mr Justice Potts who on the previous day had given judgment for the plaintiff on part of his claim and ordered the trial to proceed on the defendants' counterclaim.

Correction

In *Barrets & Baird (Wholesale) Ltd v IPCS* (*The Times* November 26) counsel for the plaintiffs were Mr Anthony Lester, QC and Mr P. A. Goulding; and for the defendants, Mr Eldred Tabachnik, QC and Mr S. C. Rubin.

RACING: GRUNDY'S TRAINER POISED FOR ANOTHER HURDLES VICTORY

Fort Rupert can underline the versatility of Walwyn stable

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Although Peter Walwyn's career on the turf is associated principally with the deeds of Grundy, Humble Duty, English Prince and Polygamy, classic winners all, it should not be forgotten during these winter months that he cut his teeth on jumpers in the early sixties when he was training at Windsor House in Lambourn, having previously held a Flat licence at Blewbury on behalf of Helen Johnson Houghton.

In fact, the first winner that Walwyn trained on his own account was Don Verde, who triumphed in a division of the Henwick Novices' Hurdle at Worcester on October 22, 1960 in the hands of the then Mr John Lawrence, now Lord Oaksey.

After winning twice more that season, Don Verde then met with a fatal accident at Cheltenham where he was still in with a good chance of winning the County Hurdle at the last flight.

Undaunted, Walwyn enjoyed further successes in the jumping arena with Royal Spirit, Taxynthus, Gail Greine and Flambeau before he finally became totally absorbed with Flat racing.

Now, after a break of 20 odd years, he is intent on keeping himself and his staff active during the winter by schooling and running a few horses over jumps again.

Parang and Fort Rupert have been two to score already this term and at Wincanton today I shall be both surprised and disappointed if Fort Rupert (nap) fails to add the Wessex Handicap Hurdle to his spoils now that Hypnosis has been withdrawn.

A winner over today's course and distance last January, at the rewarding odds of 33-1, Fort Rupert will not start at nearly such an appealing price today following that impressive performance at Chepstow at the beginning of this month when nothing looked like beating him in the straight.

As None Too Dear, the runner-up that day, has won by six lengths in the meantime, the form looks solid and I expect Fort Rupert to prove too good for Timely Star, April Prince and Easter Lee, who represents David Elsworth instead of Hypnosis.

Following creditable runs at Devon and Newbury, **Doubleton** looks a fair bet to win the Chard Handicap Chase. On the West Country course he was third to Admiral's Cup and Western Sunset (a winner since) while at Newbury he accounted for all but the smart, if somewhat unpredictable, Little Bay.

My principal interest in the Cerne Abbas Novices' Chase concerns **Aherlow**. Trained in Upper Lambourn by Simon Christian, whose horses are running well now, Aherlow finished fourth in the Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham last March and he looks just the type to succeed at steeplechasing.

Otherwise it should pay to follow Hywel Davies riding **Fence Judge** (12.45) and **Co Member** (2.15) for Tim Forster. Fence Judge was third to Annie Ra on his first appearance on a racecourse and if that mare manages to win the first division of the Askett Novices' Hurdle at Warwick (12.30), his own chance of winning the first division of the Young Farmers Novices' Hurdle at Wincanton a quarter of an hour later will look even greater.

Similarly, another win for Indamelody in the Shipston Handicap Chase (1.30) on the Midlands track will draw attention to the chance that Co Member has of registering his third victory at Wincanton in the Lord Stalbridge Memorial Gold Cup. Recently they finished first and third in the same race at Warwick and I believe that Co Member will have benefited greatly from that run.

Infielder and Gary Moore clear the last fence on their way to victory in the Astaire Stockbroker Novices' Chase at Plumpton yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

WINCANTON

Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Fence Judge. 1.15 Doubleton. 1.45 FORT RUPERT (nap). 2.15 Co Member. 2.45 Aherlow. 3.15 Perfect Double.

By Michael Seely

1.45 Easter Lee. 2.45 Aherlow.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.45 APRIL PRINCE.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

Going: good to soft

12.45 YOUNG FARMERS NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £863: 2m) (17 runners)

1	224-210	DISPORT (Mrs J Thomson) W Wightman 4-11-1	M Harrington	89	6-1
6	00F0-12	BLACK SHEEP (CD) (Mrs E Dudgeon) I Dudgeon 9-10-8	M Richards	98	F5-2
7		BLUE FIELD (J Kenny) D Kenny 5-10-8	—	—	—
8	00	CARVING KNIFE (Capt T Forster) T Forster 4-10-8	P Scudamore	80	—
10	3	FENCE JUDGE (S Preston) T Forster 4-10-8	H Davies	● 99	3-1
11	P0	GALLOIS BOSQUET (T Bartlett) C Popham 5-10-8	Peter Hobbs	—	—
12		HELLO ROCKY (R Shaw) Miss E Sneyd 5-10-8	J Frost	—	—
13	00/0-0	LOCHFEN (D Greig) D Greig 5-10-8	M Bastard	—	—
14	F0	LOSS ADJUSTER (J Huckle) C Trietline 4-10-8	—	98	—
15	FP-	MEXICAN JOE (Mrs M Smith) G Ham 5-10-8	—	—	—
16		NOBLE STORM (Mrs S Hart) P J Jones 4-10-8	C Mann	—	—
18	0FPPR0	RUSTY BOY (F Ayres) R Lee 7-10-8	W Knox (4)	—	—
19	0P0F3-	SAILORS REWARD (F Carter) J King 4-10-8	S McNeill	81	8-1
20	GP0-0	SKYLARK WONDER (A Hunt) L Kennard 4-10-8	B Powell	—	—
21	3P0230	EKAYTEE (G Tanner) I Wardle 4-10-3	C Brown	89	10-1
22	0000P/P	MILLERS WAY (Miss S Robinson) W Turner 4-10-3	Tracy Turner (7)	—	—
23		SPRING PHILTRE (C Best) D Elsworth 4-10-3	P Holley (7)	—	4-1

1985: DOUBLETON 4-10-8 R Rowe (85-40 fav) L Kennard 13 ran

FORM BLACK SHEEP (11-0) found Fishpond (10-9) 5l too good at Hereford (2m 4f, good to soft). Previously (10-0) beat Been Mugged (10-0) 1½l here (2m, £1352, good, Oct 30, 14 ran). FENCE JUDGE (10-10) shaped nicely when 7l 3rd to Annie Ra (10-5), also here (2m, £959, good to soft, Nov 13, 23 ran). *LOSS ADJUSTER (11-0) had DISPORT (11-5) 15l back in 5th when 11½l 5th to Federal Trooper (11-0)* at Newbury (2m, £1432, good to soft, Nov 12, 14 ran): a race in which LOCHFEN (11-0) was behind.
Selection: FENCE JUDGE

1.15 CHARD HANDICAP CHASE (£1,959: 2m) (7 runners)

1	0100-2F	TARN (D) (Mrs T Holt) N Gaselee 8-11-10	P Scudamore	92	6-1
2	1F011F-	AKRAM (D) (S Allen) R Hodges 8-11-9	H Davies	96	4-1
3	21210-0	PUKKA MAJOR (D,BF) (Mrs S Jones) O Sherwood 5-11-6	Mr T Thomson Jones	92	8-1
5	12-2432	DOUBLETON (B,CD) (A Ford) L Kennard 5-11-3	B Powell	● 99	F5-2
6	431311	FLIGHT SHEET (CD) (Mrs B Read) P J Jones 10-10-1	C Mann	88	7-2
7	32024-4	ARCHERS PRINCE (R Shaw) C James 8-10-0	—	87	10-1
8	10224-4	HOPE GAP (B) (L Waring) L Waring 10-10-0	George Knight	90	14-1

1985: PADDYBORO 7-11-3 R Rowe (6-4 fav) J Gifford 5 ran

FORM A faller on most recent start TARN (10-13) was previously a head 2nd to Fast Flight (10-6) at Fontwell (2m 2f, £2536, good to firm, Oct 2, 7 ran). AKRAM won six times last season. On penultimate of those (11-1) beat DOUBLETON (11-4) 5l at Newton Abbot (2m Nov H'cap Ch, £2731, good to soft, May 9, 7 ran). PUKKA MAJOR (11-8) weakened inside the final half mile when 13½l 5th to Majuba Road (11-0) on reappearance at Huntingdon (2m, £1632, good, Nov 15, 7 ran). DOUBLETON (10-0) far from disgraced when 5l 2nd to Little Bay (11-10) at Newbury (2m, £3629, soft, Nov 22, 8 ran). Previously (11-0) finished 16½l 3rd to Admiral's Cup (11-8) with HOPE GAP (11-0) a well beaten last of 4 at Devon (2m 1f, £5228, soft, Nov 11). FLIGHT SHEET (10-0) on a hat-trick after beating Sir Lester (10-6) 4l at Taunton (2m 1f, £1488, good to firm, Oct 23, 10 ran). ARCHERS PRINCE (-0) made late headway to finish 8½l 4th to Finnesko (10-7) at Towcester (2m, £1260, good, Nov 13, 12 ran). Selection: DOUBLETON

1.45 WESSEX HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,355: 2m) (13 runners)

2	1-0	BESPOKE (Mrs W Hern) T Forster 5-11-10	H Davies	84	5-1
5	12U22-0	TIMELY STAR (B Smith) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-4	M Pitman	86	10-1
6	12312-0	SNOWBALL DANNY (D) (A Ward) A Moore 6-11-1	G Moore	83	12-1
7	03141/0-	MUSIC WONDER (CD) (E Carnell) R Hodges 5-10-10	B Powell	—	—
8	4314-11	UPHAM GAMBLE (D) (R Brinkworth) D Gandolfo 5-10-7	Mr T Thomson Jones	94	4-1
9	002FF3/	EASTER LEE (D) (A Hunt) D Elsworth 6-10-6	R Arnott	—	8-1
10	0112/32-	APRIL PRINCE (P Fowler) F Winter 5-10-5	P Scudamore	● 99	F7-2
11	2/0410-0	TACHADOR (CD) (P Axon) R Hodges 5-10-4	W Irvine (7)	81	—
12	1423-21	FORT RUPERT (CD) (L Smith) P Walwyn 4-10-4	D Browne	91	8-1
13	2321-13	OPEN THE BOX (B,D) (S Mason) G Balding 7-10-4 (4ex)	A Charlton	94	8-1
16	1/3000-0	HARBOUR BRIDGE (CD) (Mrs A Lacey) I Dudgeon 6-10-0	M Richards	87	—
17	4/0P-0	NEVEROF (J Mandeville) G Gracey 5-10-0	A Carroll	—	—
18	4010-40	TIMSAH (D) (Mrs K Burling) A Moore 6-10-0	Candy Moore	78	—

1985: No corresponding race

FORM TIMELY STAR (11-10) not knocked about on reappearance when well behind Record Harvest (10-5) at Wetherby (2m, good to soft). On final start last season (11-0) finished a creditable 2l 2nd to Atrabates (11-7) at Cheltenham (2m, £10702, heavy, Apr 16, 19 ran). A useful juvenile hurdler MUSIC WONDER (11-10) ran only once last season, when 30l 6th to Nebris (11-1) at Chepstow (2m, £5053, good, Oct 85, 10 ran). UPHAM GAMBLE (11-0) is on a hat-trick after holding off Sunny Slave (10-3) by a short head at Devon (2m 1f, £1932, soft, Nov 11, 17 ran). EASTER LEE is having first outing since May 1985 when (11-8) 12l 3rd to Tight Turn (10-3) at Devon (2m 1f) £1578, firm, 10 ran). APRIL PRINCE (11-2) not seen out since finishing 2l 2nd to Bronsiv (11-7) at Devon (2m 1f, £1831, good to firm, 3 ran) a year ago. FORT RUPERT (10-9) took it up 2 furlongs out and went on to beat None Too Dear (10-7) at Chepstow (2m, £2675, good to soft, Nov 1, 11 ran). Selection: APRIL PRINCE

2.15 LORD STALBRIDGE MEMORIAL GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,515: 3m 1f) (5 runners)

4	2-1F12P	*ALLIED NEWCASTLE (CD) (J Joseph)* D Elsworth 6-11-7	C Brown	98	F5-4
5	22210-3	CO MEMBER (CD) (Mrs J Finding) T Forster 10-10-12	H Davies	97	5-2
9	1F134-4	BARGILL (CD) (Mrs J Fowler) F Winter 7-10-5	P Scudamore	● 99	4-1
10	221332-	*MR CANDY (A Moore)* W A Stephenson 7-10-0	G Moore	88	10-1
11	4/310F0	FAIR CHILD (D) (Mrs S Watts) Miss E Sneyd 6-10-0	B Powell	87	12-1

1985: BROADHEATH 8-11-7 P Nicholls (4-9 fav) D Barons 4 ran

FORM *ALLIED NEWCASTLE (10-7) disappointing when pulled up behind Everett (11-4) at Kempton* (3m, good). Best judged on earlier effort when (12-6) beating Major Tom (10-2) 2l over this course and distance (£1682, firm, Sept 18, 5 ran). CO MEMBER (10-10) was carrying a little condition when 9l 3rd to Indamelody (10-6) at Warwick (3m, £3785, good, Nov 15, 4 ran). BARGILL (11-3) could find little from the 2nd last when 15¾l 4th to Celtic Slave (11-4) at Worcester (3m, £1892, soft, *Nov 19, 10 ran*). *MR CANDY (11-0)* on final outing last season was beaten a head by Ashlone (11-0) at Fontwell (3m 2f Nov Ch, £1935, good, Mar 18, 11 ran). FAIR CHILD showed little in 3 English outings last season. Previously (9-8) beat Doubtful Venture *(11-6) ¾l at Limerick (3m 1f, £2070, yielding to soft, Oct 6, 12 ran)*. Selection: ALLIED NEWCASTLE

2.45 CERNE ABBAS NOVICE CHASE (£1,586: 2m 5f) (20 runners)

2	0P/01PP	TAKE A BOW (B,CD) (J Barber) R Barber 10-11-7	—	74	14-1
4	0142-	AHERLOW (P Fahey) S Christian 6-11-2	R J Beggan	—	F7-4
5	P20000	AIR SPACE (Mrs V Hurst) R Hodges 7-11-2	B Powell	—	—
6	0P/014-P	ALANGROVE SOUND (J Phillips) A J Wilson 8-11-2	A Webb	—	—
8	32/020-P	BEACONSIDE (N Brooks) J Brooks 9-11-2	P Leach	72	20-1
9	20PP0P	BILLY BUMPS (C Popham) C Popham 8-11-2	—	73	—
11	0F343-3	BOWDEN (Miss S Douglas-Pennant) I Dudgeon *6-11-2*	*M Richards*	85	8-1
12	3223-32	CAVVIES CLOWN (Mrs J Ollivant) D Elsworth 6-11-2	R Arnott	● 99	2-1
13	00F/FFU-	EASTER NIGHT (M Wiles) T Forster 8-11-2	Mr M Armytage (4)	—	20-1
14	U000-FP	*FITZGAYLE (R Dennis)* K Bishop *8-11-2*	*P Richards*	—	—
15	00P-	HUNTWORTH (D White) C Popham 6-11-2	—	—	—
16	00P0/PP-	IMPOUND (G Cossey) J Honeyball 7-11-2	—	—	—
17	00P-204	*INFO (A Foster) Miss A Furniss 6-11-2*	B Wright	83	16-1
20	0P000-F	NED LAWLESS (Mrs M Richardson) J Old 6-11-2	C Llewellyn (7)	—	—
21	0/F	SAMMY DRAKE (G Thorp) R Lee 9-11-2	B Dowling (7)	—	—
23	000-0	*TENTH OF OCTOBER (T Ferris) S Mellor 7-11-2*	G Charles Jones	—	20-1
24	0042/0-F	THRUCHAM LAD (Miss J Southall) D Tucker 8-11-2	S McNeill	—	—
27	0F04-	GREEN IVY (Mrs C Williams) A Turnell 5-11-0	C Brown	—	20-1
28	300-000	*HIGH BLEND (B Wright)* P Bailey 5-11-0	—	—	—
31	F0P00/0	LAPLEIGH RIDGE (R Reed) T Keenor 9-10-11	R Millman	—	—

1985: CONCLUSIVE 6-11-2 B Powell (20-1) Miss E Sneyd 12 ran

FORM TAKE A BOW has disappointed on last two starts but previously (10-1) had made most to beat The Floorlayer (10-7) 6l over this course and distance (H'cap Ch, £2117, firm, Sept 18, 11 ran). AHERLOW makes chasing debut today after proving himself useful over hurdles. On final outing last season (11-1) finished 6l 2nd to Canute Express (11-8) at Liverpool (2m 5f, £5665, good to soft, Apr 5, 15 ran). BOWDEN (11-5) 7l 3rd to Treyford (11-5) with FITZGAYLE (11-5) pulled up at Warwick (2m 4f, £1961, good, Nov 15, 16 ran). CAVVIES CLOWN (11-2) ran with credit when 2l 2nd to Summons (11-2), with THRUCHAM *LAD (11-2) an 8th fence faller here (2m, £1654, good to soft, Nov 13, 12 ran). INFO (10-12) 23½l 4th to Deviner* (10-12) with NED LAWLESS (10-12), SAMMY DRAKE (10-12) and BEACONSIDE (10-12) all failing to complete the course at Worcester (2m 4f, £3410, soft, Nov 19, 17 ran). GREEN IVY (10-10) on final outing last season was 27½l 4th to Anna's Mite (11-0) here (2m, £1213, soft, Mar 35, 7 ran).
Selection: CAVVIES CLOWN

3.15 YOUNG FARMERS NOVICE HURDLE (*Div II: £868: 2m*) (20 runners)

1	000-014	DIMENSION (B,D) (M Ingram) Mrs N Smith 4-11-1	P Scudamore	94	8-1
2	P0000/1	PERFECT DOUBLE (D Allen) D Elsworth 5-10-10	Lorna Vincent	● 99	F2-1
3	0-	*ARENA AUCTION (Mrs S Pattemore) S Pattemore 4-10-8*	*C Gray*	—	—
4	0400-00	BROAD WOOD (P Axon) R Hodges 4-10-8	—	79	16-1
5	00/P-022	CANUCK CLOWN (J Bird) A Moore 5-10-8	G Moore	98	10-1
6	00020-0	*DARK COMIC (H Corbaz) J King 5-10-8*	S McNeill	87	16-1
8	02-	HIGH TRUST (M Jones) G Kindersley 6-10-8	C Brown	88	10-1
10	00	KINGSBROOK (J Leavett-Shenley) W Wightman 4-10-8	M Harrington	—	—
11	0000-0	*MAC'S GOLD (Mrs R Hepburn) I Dudgeon 4-10-8*	*M Richards*	81	—
13	3	NEW FOREST LAD (C Watts) Mrs J Pitman 4-10-8	M Pitman	86	7-2
15	P-0400	POLAR GLEN (Mrs V Phillips) R Hodges 5-10-8	W Irvine (7)	82	—
17	PPP-000	*SAULINGO SONG (J Parish) P Dunstan 7-10-8*	R Millman	62	—
18	0P00-P	SHERWOOD FOREST (N Payne) J Sayers 4-10-8	M Perrett	—	—
19	442-020	SMITHY BEAR (Mrs J John) R Dickin 4-10-8	W Humphreys (7)	91	16-1
20		COMPELLING *(Mrs P McConnel)* D Elsworth 4-10-3	R Arnott	—	—
21	00-P	HILLY-DOWN LASS (P Hannan) Miss E Sneyd 5-10-3	J Frost	—	16-1
22	0	LEGAL AID (P Hill) L Kennard 6-10-3	B Powell	—	—
23		*PERSIAN PERSON (J Pullinger)* G Gracey 4-10-3	A Carroll	—	—
24	0	SHUIL RUN (Mrs D Foster) T Forster 4-10-3	H Davies	83	14-1
25		TOUCH OF LUCK (R Packer) Mrs A Knight 4-10-3	George Knight	—	—

1985: *KITTO 5-11-2* Mr J Bosley (11-10 fav) F Winter 8 ran

FORM DIMENSION (10-1) finished 2l 4th to Penllyne's Pride (10-0) at Warwick (2m H'cap H). Previously (11-0) beat CANUCK CLOWN (11-0) 2l at Plumpton (2m, £685, good to soft, Nov 10, 18 ran). Subsequently CANUCK CLOWN (10-10) found Toms Treasure (10-5) 10l too good at Windsor (2m, £685, good to soft, Nov 17, 14 ran), a race in which POLAR GLEN (10-10) was 20½l back in 6th. PERFECT DOUBLE (10-9) made a winning reappearance when beating Federal Trooper 2l (11-7) at Newbury (2m, £2074, soft, Nov 22, 21 ran). *NEW FOREST LAD (11-0) kept on at the same pace when 6l 3rd to High Viscosity (11-0) at Devon (2m 1f,* £744, soft, Nov 11, 18 ran). POLAR GLEN (11-1) best effort when 8l 4th to Live In Hope (11-10) at Taunton (2m 1f, £617, good to firm, Oct 23, 13 ran). SMITHY BEAR (11-0) disappointing last time. Previously (10-12) 1¾l 2nd to Erastin Ruler (10-12) at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, £856, firm, Nov 5, 12 ran). SHUIL RUN (10-9) shaped well on hurdling debut when 20l 5th to Tsarella (10-9) at Hereford (2m, £1447, good to soft, Nov 11, 11 ran).
Selection: PERFECT DOUBLE

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
F Winter	22	74	29.7
Mrs J Pitman	15	60	25.0
D Elsworth	15	84	17.9
N Gaselee	6	44	13.6
L Kennard	19	143	13.3
D Gandolfo	8	64	12.5

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
H Davies	17	139	12.2
P Scudamore	13	114	11.4
C Brown	13	119	10.9
B Powell	9	108	8.3
P Richards	6	74	8.1

Only qualifiers

WARWICK

Selections

By Mandarin

12.30 Annie Ra. 1.00 Solent Breeze. 1.30 Indamelody. 2.00 Wharry Burn. 2.30 Rhoecus. 3.00 Spanish Reel. 3.30 Again Kathleen.

Michael Seely's selection: 1.30 INDAMELODY (nap).

Going: good to soft

12.30 ASKETT NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £812: 2m) (17 runners)

2	01	ANNIE RA (D) (Mrs E Evans) D Nicholson 4-10-12	R Dunwoody	93	F5-2
4	240-0	ARTESIUM (Mrs E Courage) M Wilkinson 4-10-10	G McCourt	91	—
5	00033-	CABRAL (B Clark) C J Vernon Miller 5-10-10	K Mooney	86	12-1
8	2F/340-0	FRAUD SQUAD (R Williams) R Hodges 7-10-10	S Earle (4)	88	—
11	00-033	*HILL BEAGLE (N Brown) J P Smith 6-10-10*	*S J O'Neill*	85	14-1
12		INTUITION (A Spence) R Akehurst 4-10-10	Dale McKeown (7)	—	5-1
13	F0	LOSS ADJUSTER (J Huckle) C Trietline 4-10-10	J Suthern	94	—
14	U0	LYNWOOD LAD *(G Price)* 5-10-10	*C Price*	—	—
15		MISTA SPOOF (P Perrett) J Perrett 4-10-10	R Stronge	—	—
16	0	MONRITA (Mrs M Curtis) Mrs M Rimell 4-10-10	S Morshead	● 99	3-1
19	0	PROVE THE CASE (K Bellamy) M Oliver 6-10-10	J Duggan	—	—
20	8	RAILWAY TRACK (T Nixon) T Forster 5-10-10	L Harvey (4)	—	10-1
21	0	VISUAL IDENTITY (F Jordan) F Jordan 4-10-10	C Smith	—	—
22	02320-3	VITAL BOY (D Russel) R Holder 5-10-10	N Coleman	93	8-1
23	0	CAWARRA BELLE (B) (Mrs M Kenyon Holden) C James 5-10-5	S Smith Eccles	—	10-1
26	0004B-	ROGERS PRINCESS (R Smith) M Tate 4-10-5	—	—	—
27		ST ANLO (B Wells) B Wells 4-10-5	Jessica Charles Jones (7)	—	—

1985: GERE 4-10-10 R Dunwoody (13-2) P Bevan 21 ran

1.0 LONGBRIDGE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICE SELLING HURDLE (3-Y-O: £548: 2m) (13 runners)

1	010	AUNT ETTY (BF) (M Swift) M Pipe 11-1	J Lower	—	F9-4
3	30	SHARK FIGHTER (W McClennon) D McCain 11-0	—	—	—
4	00	SUPREME DANCER (M Waller) K Bridgwater 11-0	K Ryan	—	—
5	43	THE UTE (B) (M Uxley) J Fitch-Heyes 11-0	Penny Ffitch-Heyes	—	—
6	0	TIBER GATE (R Hollinshead) R Hollinshead 11-0	—	—	—
7	400	BAO (V) (Bennington Furniture Ltd) O O'Neill 10-9	T Pinfield	—	—
8	P	FASHION FOUNTAIN (Mrs P Smith) K Wingrove 10-9	—	—	—
9		*LA BELLE OF SANTO (B Wells) B Wells 10-9*	T Tynan	—	—
10	43	LA CHULA (B,BF) (P Meskella) R Holder 10-9	W McFarland	—	7-1
11	020	MAHABAD (V) (C Chan) Mrs N Macauley 10-9	M Bowlby	—	3-1
12	0U	*MENGHAM STAR (C Broomfield) P Hedger 10-9*	D Morris	—	—
15	0032	SOLENT BREEZE (V,BF) (J Tombs) B Stevens 10-9	—	—	4-1
16		TYRANNISE (D Ball) B McMahon 10-9	C Kester	—	10-1

1985: TAYLORS RENOVATION 10-9 K Sims (7-1) L Lightbrown 16 ran

1.30 SHIPSTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,052: 3m) (5 runners)

2	31F30-1	INDAMELODY (CD) (Mrs M Thorne) N Henderson 8-11-11	S Smith Eccles	● 99	F5-4
3	1104-24	ETON ROUGE (D) (Mrs B Jenks) Mrs M Rimell 7-11-7	G McCourt	98	4-1
5	01/1031-	GEMBRIDGE JUPITER (A Carver) C Trietline 9-11-6	J Suthern	97	5-1
10	22-0223	ST ALEZAN (SF) (Lord Coventry) M Yate 9-10-10	—	97	—
14	P-U3202	PRINCELY CALL (B,D) (Mrs G E Jones) Mrs G E Jones 12-10-0	J Bryan	95	12-1

1985: *GREEN BRAMBLE 8-12-4* S Smith Eccles (11-10 fav) N Henderson 7 ran

2.0 EROSTIN GROUP GREAT BRITAIN V AUSTRALIA HANDICAP HURDLE (Round I: £698: 2m 5f) (8 runners)

1	1/0P0P-4	CELTIC CRACKER (P Evans) R Hartop 8-11-10	S Smith Eccles	90	5-1
2	200P-0F	SHANGOSEER (J Green) J Jenkins 5-11-8	S Sherwood	98	12-1
3	00210-0	APRIL GEM (Mrs M Bridgwater) K Bridgwater 6-11-1	P Delaney	87	16-1
4	00120	WHITE ROSE (R Jordan) N Henderson 4-11-1	S Morshead	96	7-1
5	PU-2000	LISLARY LAD (V Ralbin) Mrs M Rimell 6-11-1	D Cannon	98	10-1
6	3012P-2	WHARRY BURN (Mrs G McFerran) I Dudgeon 5-10-7	R Dunwoody	● 99	F3-1
8	33-4300	KOFFI (Salford Van Hire Ltd) D Nicholson 4-10-4	N Hamett	94	10-1
9	244134	*TASHONYA (Mrs V Wells) B Wells 4-10-0*	*K Green*	94	6-1

1985: No Corresponding race

2.30 SHIRLEY NOVICE CHASE (£1,797: 2m) (11 runners)

1	0U22-31	HIZ (D) (Mrs G McFerran) I Dudgeon 8-11-2	P Barton	● 99	F9-4
6	00400-0	CHARLIE'S COTTAGE (Mrs M Thorne) N Henderson 6-10-10	S Smith Eccles	—	8-1
8	120P2-F	COTTAGE RUN (Mrs M Rogers) D Nicholson 6-10-10	R Dunwoody	—	9-2
11	04-PPF0	GOLD CREEK (B) (B Mitchell) M McCourt 8-10-10	G McCourt	—	—
12	004-000	MEZIARA (B) (B Scott) W R Williams 5-10-10	R Goldstein	—	—
14	000-120	NO-U-TURN (BF) (S Tindall) S Mellor 8-10-10	G Landau (4)	—	11-2
15	1/00000-	OUR WHITE HART (H) (Mrs B Short) N Vigors 6-10-10	C Cox	—	12-1
17	02/0122-	RHOECUS (M Murray) Mrs M Dickinson 7-10-10	G Bradley	—	11-4
19	000/0P-	SUPERLINE *(Mrs G Godfrey)* P W Harris 7-10-10	*R Stronge*	—	—
22	0	VIMPOL (K Dunn) K Dunn 9-10-10	—	—	—
23	F000P/4	FLORENCE (G Wingrove) K Wingrove 10-10-5	Mr P Townsley	—	—

1985: DEEP IMPRESSION 6-10-10 P Scudamore (4-1) N Gaselee 11 ran

3.0 ASKETT NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £790: 2m) (18 runners)

1	324-311	*SPANISH REEL (D) (S Davies)* J Edwards 4-11-10	P Barton	98	F6-4
2	221	KEYNES (D) (D Dobson) J Jenkins 6-11-3	S Sherwood	91	9-2
3		BELL DIP (P Holmes) J Webber 5-10-10	G Mernagh	—	—
6	00D-00	CAROL'S MUSIC *(Mrs S James) A James 5-10-10*	G Jones	96	—
7	32-	DUDLEY'S STAR (Mrs M Bevan) Mrs M Bevan 4-10-10	C Smith	97	14-1
8	0	ESPERO (Mrs A Sloan) C J Vernon Miller 5-10-10	K Mooney	—	—
9	20-0	*FLANKER (S Nixon) M Oliver 7-10-10*	*J Duggan*	97	13-2
10	0	MEMBER'S REVENGE (E Young) D Nicholson 5-10-10	—	—	7-2
11	0000-00	MR GRAPEFRUIT (R Lambert) A Nightingale 4-10-10	M Caswell	85	—
12	0-0	*MR MCGREGOR (C Driscoll) H O'Neill 4-10-10*	R Chapman	—	—
13	0	NEON (A Hambly) A Hambly 5-10-10	Mr A Hambly	—	—
14		PARK OAK'S (S Pickard) Miss G Pickard, 4-10-10	—	—	—
15		*PLAY ON (Mrs C Trietline) C Trietline 5-10-10*	J Suthern	—	—
18	00F-00	SAINT MALO (Mrs B Taylor) M McCourt 4-10-10	G McCourt	—	—
19	0-0	SOUTHERN REAPER (J Upson) T Casey 4-10-10	E Buckley (4)	—	—
20	F220-	*THATS FOR SURE (Brig C Harvey) D Nicholson 5-10-10*	R Dunwoody	● 99	10-1
21	0	UPTON WENT (L G Kimber Eng Ltd) T Forster 4-10-10	L Harvey (4)	—	—
22	4-30423	WALMER SANDS (Mrs C Welch) J Spearing 4-10-10	P Warner	98	12-1

1985: *TEN PLUS 5-10-10* K Mooney (5-4 fav) F Walwyn 20 ran

3.30 CHERINGTON NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (£832: 2m 5f) (22 runners)

3	00P20/3-	DYLAN'S PRIDE (C Lewis) D Barons 7-11-7	P Nicholls	92	—
4	2-41401	AGAIN KATHLEEN (B) (Mrs D Strauss) P Makin 5-11-4	S Smith Eccles	97	9-2
5	F20000-	EASBY EMBLEM (J Chugg) J Chugg 6-11-2	P Dever	—	—
7	030-02	CELTIC CYGNET (David Timothy Ltd) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-0	S Morshead	97	4-1
8	00P4-0	MAGWA (G Lugg) T Forster 5-10-12	L Harvey (4)	89	8-1
9	0F-0010	DAME FLORA (M Kimmins) F Walwyn 4-10-11	K Mooney	97	11-2
10	03000-	SPEAK NO EVIL (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 6-10-11	D Murphy	89	—
11	300300/	PACIFIST (Mrs K O'Sullivan) J Fox 6-10-10	S Moore	—	—
12	0P-4	GOLDEN REIGN (P Rylands) G Thorner 5-10-9	P Barton	—	10-1
13	444-001	BRONZE EFFIGY (Mrs Henriques) M Henriques 4-10-8	Jessica Charles Jones (7)	97	F3-1
14	0U4/0P-P	VELINDRE (R Bennett) Mrs C Reavey 6-10-7	G McCourt	—	—
15	4100U3	DREAMCOAT (D Goodenough) K Bishop 5-10-7	S Earle (4)	● 99	8-1
16	00F0-0	STEP THIS WAY (Capt D Ker) T Forster 5-10-6	R Dunwoody	96	—
18	0400/00	HENRY LANCASTER (M Griffin) T Hallett 7-10-6	—	86	—
19	60-00	MISS BALLINACREE (J MacPhilips) G Thorner 7-10-4	M Richards	87	—
20	0/0FP0F-	*MASTER BARN (Lady Cholmondeley) T Hall 6-10-3*	*S J O'Neill*	—	—
22	02P4F-0	GOLDEN JUNE (P Tennant) D Tucker 4-10-1	—	89	—
24	0P00/00	TARR STEPS (North Wall Racing Ltd) Miss A Furniss 7-10-0	R Stronge	89	—
25	0000/00	*TOM'S WHATSISNAME (T Staddon) W R Williams 5-10-0*	A Jones	—	—
26	P00P-00	QUIET STAR (J Brook) P Davis 5-10-0	P Dever	89	—
27	000-00	RACHAN MASTER (T Corden) Mrs J Barrow 4-10-0	—	—	—
28	0P-0000	*CHARLESTON GEORGE (O Stokes) R Shepherd 4-10-0*	—	88	—

1985: MASTER BOB 5-10-12 J White (4-1) N Henderson 21 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
F Walwyn	19	80	23.8
N Henderson	11	52	21.2
R Hodges	5	31	16.1
J Webber	12	90	13.3
Mrs M Rimell	8	62	12.9

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
K Mooney	10	69	14.5
S Smith Eccles	8	70	11.4
G McCourt	6	81	7.4

Only qualifiers

Brown has winner and crashing fall

Colin Brown, who rides the favourite, Floyd, in Saturday's *Mecca Bookmakers Hurdle* at Sandown, escaped with just bruises after a crashing fall from Maitredee in the Cuckmere Handicap Chase at Plumpton yesterday.

Maitredee fell at the fifth last fence together with Prince Moon, ridden by the 7lb claimer, Tony Charlton, who was also unhurt. Brown was brought back *in an ambulance* and examined by the course doctor who said: "Nothing serious but he was badly winded."

Having earlier ridden his sixteenth winner of the season on Delator, Brown stood down from riding Our Tilly in the last race but said: *"I'm all right and* I'll be riding tomorrow."

Fledge, who had marginally led Prince Moon and Maitredee, made a mistake at the fence at which his rivals fell. This allowed Manston Marauder to go on and beat Fledge by 2½ lengths.

The 11-2 winner, a first of the season for the Chichester trainer, Peter Hedger, was well ridden by Penny Ffitch-Heyes, who turned professional this season.

Also gaining an overdue victory was the Brighton trainer, Charlie Moore, whose Infielder, ridder by his son, Gary, landed the Astaire Stockbroker Novices' Chase by 10 lengths. *Infielder was a bargain 1,950* guineas buy out of Fred Winter's stable earlier this year.

"What a relief — I was beginning to think I couldn't train ivy up a wall," Moore said. "I've had six seconds from my 20 runners but no winners. I've 40 horses and some lovely ones to come out."

Martin Pipe's Longghurst, *winner No. 41 for* Peter Scudamore, sparked off a Somerset double which was completed in the Peter Cazalet Memorial Chase by Delator.

The nine-year-old was moved up to second place on the final circuit by Brown and took the *lead at the third last before* cruising home 12 lengths clear of Colonel Christy. Wardle, who also won the race 12 months ago with Crowning Moment, said: "Delator is his own worst enemy and has thrown away about nine races for me. Colin *was riding him for the first time* today."

Might Move was made 11-4 favourite to complete a Pipe-Scudamore double in Division 2 of the Novices hurdle but could finish only fourth behind champion trainer Nick Henderson's Golden Croft, who gave Steve Smith Eccles a winner on his only ride of the day.

Courageous Regal Steel relishes his new role

Regal Steel, placed 54 times on the Flat, was victorious in a new sphere at Ludlow yesterday.

The eight-year-old's win in the *Woofferton Novices' Hurdle* — only his second attempt at the winter sport — bore the hallmark of the courage he has shown throughout his long Flat career.

A confirmed front-runner, Regal Steel was headed with two flights to go by Smithys Choice but came back on the run-in and put in a determined challenge to beat Supreme Charter by half a length.

"I hadn't tried Regal Steel over jumps until a month ago when he jumped superbly. I told *Peter Dever not to* touch him with the whip as the old horse would do all he could for him and he came back just as I thought he would," said Reg Hollinshead.

Nick Dawe, the former Flat jockey, was suspended for four *days starting December 5*, for careless riding on Careen, who was disqualified after finishing fourth in the Craven Arms Selling Hurdle.

Careen started joint-favourite with the winner, Bellekino, whom Jimmy Frost brought with a strong late run to score by four lengths from Tinsel Rose. The stewards found that Careen had interfered with unplaced Gold Sovereign after the last *flight.*

Richard Lee, the former champion point-to-point trainer, who saddled his first winner as a public trainer at Southwell last week, was on the mark again with the Irish import, Wild Flyer, in the Halford *Novices' Hurdle. Mark Pitman* was bruised after his mount, Abba Lad, struck into the rails in the back straight and unseated him.

Socks Downe jumped well and was never headed when winning the Ludford Handicap Chase, while Bundle Boy gave Tim Thomson Jones a splendid ride when landing the Court Of *Hill Amateur Riders Handicap* Chase for Anne, Duchess of Westminster.

Plumpton results

Going: soft

1.0 (2m hdle) 1, **LONGGHURST** (P Scudamore, 9-4 fav); 2, **Precious Link** (C Warren, 20-1); 3, **Home Or Away** (C Brown, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Raffle Run, 100-30 Beechwood Cottage, 10 Icaro (6th), 12 *Ocean Trader* (pu), 16 *Beau Dire*, 33 Cramming (4th), Forward Move, Palls Close, Rhode Island Red (pu), Stadia Publicity (5th), Sindur (pu). 14 ran. Dancing Ballerina. 2½l, 8l, 6l, 20l, 2l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £3.50; £1.20, £10.80, £3.70. DF: £40.20. CSF: £41.44.

1.30 (2m 4f ch) *1*, **INFIELDER** (G Moore, 9-2 fav) 2, **Royal Harbour** (C Cox, 5-1); 3, **Tophatter** (B Powell, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Boyne Salmon (f), 8 Aren't We All (f), Epryana (4th dn), Answer To Prayer (4th dh), 16 Compton Boy (6th), 25 Palmerston, 33 Uncle Dai (pu), Foelight (f), Glenbane Lady *(pu), Romacina (pu). 14 ran.* NR: Castle Talbot. 10l, 25l, ½l, dead heat. 2l. A Moore at Brighton. Tote: £6.00; £2.40, £2.40, £2.50. DF: £13.20. CSF: £26.99.

2.0 (3m 1f ch) 1, **DELATOR** (C Brown, 9-2); 2, **Colonel Christy** (G McCourt, 7-1); 3, **Brown Veil** (Miss G Armytage, 11-2). *ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Mister Donut (5th)*, 4 Doubleuagain (ur), 12 Greenore Pride (4th), 14 Mercy Lass (pu), Round The Twist (pu). 8 ran. 12l, 2l, 2½l, 15l. I Wardle at Wells. Tote: £6.90; £2.10, £1.60, £1.10. DF: £18.30. CSF: £30.59.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, **STEAMY** (L Jenkins, 6-1); 2, *Tame Duchess (Candy Moore, 5-2 jt-fav)*; 3, **Yazeed** (Leesa Long, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 jt-fav Debbies Prince (ro), 7 Song Of Christie, 8 Manhattan Boy (5th), 14 Some Moor (4th), 25 Lambourne Boy, Full Of Speed, 33 Ribble Star (6th). 10 ran. 2l, ½l, 5l, 7l, 4l. D Oughton at Findon. Tote: £3.60; £1.10, £1.60, £8.40. DF: £7.00. CSF: £19.70. Tricast: £613.59. After a stewards' inquiry the result stood.

3.0 (2m ch) 1, **MANSTON MARAUDER** (Penny Ffitch Heyes, 11-2); 2, **Fledge** (Mrs N Ledger, 50-1); 3, **Shotang** (R Chapman, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Cresun (4th), 5-2 Maitredee (f), 100-30 Prince Moon (f), 20 Lulav (5th). 7 ran. NR: Tin Boy. 2½l, 4l, 1½l, 15l. P Hedger at Chichester. Tote: *£6.90; £1.10, £8.40. DF: £113.50. CSF:* £116.40.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, **GOLDEN CROFT** (S Smith Eccles, 7-2); 2, **Gax** (Dale McKeown, 3-1); 3, **Mr What's-His-Name** (M Perrett, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Might Move (4th), 5 Downtown Brown (5th), 12 Gancon (bd), 20 Fleet Footed (pu), Turn For Th'Better (6th), 33 Our Tilly, Riboviino (pu), 50 Raveleston, Simon Damian, *Sit In The Dark*, Wing Bee (pu), Sheer Class (f). 16 ran. 7l, 3l, 2l, 10l, 8l. N Henderson at Lambourn. Tote: £3.50; £1.90, £2.40, £3.10. DF: £4.80. CSF: £14.00.

Placepot £328.85

Ludlow

Going: good

12.45 (2m hdle) 1, **BELLEKINO** (J Frost, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, **Tinsel Rose** (T Davis, 6-1); 3, **Wedding Talk** (M Caswell, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4 jt-fav Careen, 5 Our Chicklette, 10 La Charmit, 10 My Darya (4th), Gold Sovereign (5th), 16 Solent Flyer, 25 Isle of *Pandora*. 33 Copgrove, *Maundy Gift*, Moffat Lad, Greenham Lady (pu), Jousting Boy, K O Island, Montbergis, The Dabber. 18 ran. NR: Sonny Hill Lad. 4l, ¾l, sh hd, 4l, ¾l. R Frost at Buckfastleigh. Tote: £8.10; £2.30, £1.60, £7.00. DF: £16.30. CSF: £28.16. Winner bought in for 2,700 gns. Careen finished fourth but after a Stewards' inquiry was disqualified.

1.15 (3m ch) 1, **BUNDLE BOY** (Mr T Thomson Jones, 6-4 Fav); 2, **Laureneus** *(Mrs G Rees, 5-1)*; 3, **Rough Estimate** (Mr R Bellamy, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Sointulla Boy (5th), Takealence, 8 Ledbury Lad (4th), 16 Secretary General (6th), 25 Master Boon, *50 Mister Lucky* (pu), Stop Fighting (pu). 10 ran. NR: Mitre House. 1l, 6l, 1l, 25l, 1½l. T Forster at Wantage. Tote: £2.10: £1.10, £1.70, £4.20. DF: £5.00. CSF: £8.95. Tricast: £148.12.

1.45 (2m 5f hdle) 1, **WILD FLYER** (B Dowling, 12-1); 2, **Harley Street Man** (R Hyett, 20-1); 3, **Rich Nickel** (S Morshead, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Fishpond (6th), 9-4 Brianogan (4th), 12 Diaphantine, 14 Abba Lad (su), *16 Actia*, Hesdun (pu), Mariner's Star, 20 Knock Hard, 33 Will's Warrior (5th), Another Lesson, Foreign Friend (pu), Gold Raider (pu), Kharab Sibi, *Scala Model*, Shahdaroba. *18 ran. 5l, 10l,* nk, 6l, ¾l. R Lee at Presteigne. Tote: £17.90; £5.10, £3.40, £3.90. DF: £5.50 (winner or second with any other horse). CSF: £217.86.

2.15 (2m ch) 1, **CANTABILE** (Jacqui Oliver, 12-1); 2, **Go Anna Go** (P Warner, 6-1); 3, **Hopeful Chimes** (C Jones, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Speriamo, 7-2 Golden Redeemer (4th), 6 Connaught Cleaners *(6th)*, 12 *Solitario (f), 14 Broche (5th)*. Madiga (pu), 20 Noble Blade, 50 Pucka Paddy (pu), Sam's Friend (f). 12 ran. NR: Double Barrel, Handy Gray. 10l, 1½l, 5l, hd, 1½l. Lady S Brooke at Pencombe. Tote: £11.20; £2.50, £1.30, £4.10. DF: £24.20. CSF: £77.59.

2.45 (2m hdle) 1, **REGAL STEEL** (P Dever, 3-1 Fav); 2, **Supreme Charter** (C Mann, 7-1); 3, **Smithy's Choice** (M Williams, 9-1). *ALSO RAN: 7-2 Maladicbon (6th)*, 4 King Nimrod (4th), 15-2 Own Up, 8 Danny's Luck, 33 Billon Melody, Bonna Colino, Dusty Patrol, Kate's Pride, *Merry* Tom, Pithy (5th), Tim Bobbin, Mini Pie (pu), Sweetwater Lass, The Golf Slide. 17 ran. NR: Discover Gold. ½l, ¾l, ½l, 1½l, 5l. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. Tote: £3.70; £1.50, £4.10, £2.80. DF: £10.30. CSF: £23.93. After a Stewards' inquiry, result stood.

3.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, **SOCKS DOWNE** (S McNeill, 5-1); 2, **County Player** (R Hyett, 8-1); 3, **Echo Sounder** (H Davies, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 A Boy Named Sioux, 15-2 Landing Board (5th), Scots Nogger (6th), 9 Fifth Column, 10 Walnut Wonder, 16 The Floorlayer (4th). 9 ran. NR: Smart Reply, Sitpalong. 2½l, 2½l, sh hd, 15l, 5l. J King at Swindon. Tote: £7.40; £3.00, £2.20, £1.20. DF: £31.70. CSF: £44.91. Tricast: £126.11.

3.45 (2m flat) 1, **PRIDE HILL** (Miss T Davis, 9-4); 2, **Autumn Sport** (S McCrystal, 6-4 fav); 3, **Docklands Express** (George Knight, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Doyle's Express (5th), 12 Christmas Firefly, 16 Wyshwyg, 20 Cornish Spring, Salcombe (4th), 25 Telmag, 50 Ashton Express, Bellosteros, King Sear, Little Bryme, Mansab, The Cheeseman, Briden Girl, Dancing Clara (6th), Fabulous Molly, Maggie Macaw, Travagian Star. 20 ran. sh hd, 3l, 3l, 4l, 20l. D H Barons at Kingsbridge. Tote: £2.80; £1.80, £1.10, £5.90. DF: £5.50. CSF: £5.43.

Placepot £582.45

SQUASH RACKETS

Maclean in mood to make history

By Colin McQuillan

A Scotsman will occupy centre stage for the first time at today's InterCity national championships at *Bristol. His* name is Mark Maclean. Take note of it. He is a player who grows in courage, intelligence and understanding almost match by *match.*

Maclean, the thirteenth seed, defeated London's seventh-seeded Neal Harvey yesterday when, having already made history as the first Scot in the semi-finals of these British nationals, he rose from apparent despair to win 9-4, 6-9, 3-9, 9-7, 9-0 in 81 minutes. The previous day he beat Philip Whitlock, of Devon, with an even more *marked resurrection which left* him sick with exhaustion.

History attaches itself to some sportsmen and Maclean appears to be one such. He surprised the squash world last year when he came down from Edinburgh with an economics degree to play national league squash from a base in Bradford and promptly ended the 20-year undefeated domestic record of the former world champion, Jonah Barrington.

There were few around the Perspex court at Temple Meads station yesterday prepared to offer Maclean much chance of similarly overturning Harvey, aged 27, who drove the second seed, Geoff Williams, from the *court with thoughtful skill* to reach his second national semi-final.

The Scotsman himself was doubtful half-way through the fourth game that he could *stop* Harvey's continued progress to a first final. He started bril*liantly, taking the opening game* in 18 minutes of measured accuracy. But Harvey struck back in the second and the third with tactics remarkably similar to those successfully employed against Williams and seemed poised for victory at 5-1 in the *fourth.*

But Maclean's game is remarkably testing for his opponents. Aged 22, he is tall but not yet feeling his full strength, yet *he displays a remarkable knack* for producing unsuspected stamina at vital moments. High in the shoulder and long of arm, he carries an elegant graphite racket by its furthest extremity and applies string to ball with occasional wristy cunning be*tween sharp volleys* and drives of perfect length and width.

The physical exertion demanded by his neat spread of play and silky movement to *even the most precise placement* was *suddenly* illustrated yesterday when, with Maclean serving defensively at 2-5 in the fourth, Harvey failed totally to respond to a floating backhand boast to the front right corner.

It was the first sign of weakness from *the* stocky and smoothly capable Londoner and it proved entirely indicative of fast-fading reserves. Maclean gathered the next five points in a single hand and went on to win the game with shrewd application of front-court tactics.

Just as he had dragged himself from the brink of quarter-final disaster, the Scot needed that merest glimpse of opportunity to trigger amazing resurgence. He strode *into the fifth* game with the self-instruction "now push him." Within four minutes he was the first Scotsman in the British final.

RESULTS: Men's semi-finals: M Maclean bt N Harvey, 9-4, 6-9, 3-9, 9-7, 9-0.

CYCLING

Cut in the number of tour days

Brussels (AFP) — The major national tours, including the sport's most famous race, the Tour de France, will be restricted to a maximum of 22 days from 1988.

The limit, imposed by the International Cycling Union at their congress here, includes prologue and rest day, and the races will not be allowed to cover more than three weekends.

This year's Tour de France was stretched over 24 days and, in 1987, with the start being made in West Berlin, it will last 26 days. The race was originally due to begin on July 2, but the prologue has now been brought forward by 24 hours.

The other major national tours take place in Italy and Spain, and the union's measures, clearly aimed at tightening the calendar to create room for new events, will also lead to *a reduction in the length of other* stage races.

For example, the Coors Classic, in the United States, will be cut to a fortnight and allowed to include two weekends, the Tour of Switzerland to 10 days and one weekend, and events such as *the Paris to Nice* to six days.

However, at the same time as announcing the changes for 1988, the international calendar, which was expected to be announced later yesterday, *for a* transitional season next year, will see the introduction of numerous new races.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Cup

First round

Bristol Rovers v Brentford (7.45) ....

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cup: Second round: Basildon v Leatherhead; Bognor Regis v Harrow; Hertford v Dulwich Hamlet; Leytonstone and Ilford v Tilbury.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Charlton v Reading (2.0).

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Tennents UK open tournament (at Guild Hall, Preston).
SQUASH RACKETS: Inter-City national championships (at Temple Meads, Bristol); RAF Championships (at RAF Uxbridge).

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CRICKET: TWO HUNDRED REASONS WHY ENGLAND HAVE THE EDGE

Australia could still get the elbow even if Emburey calls off

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Perth

Having started the first Test match against Australia in Brisbane as outsiders, England go into the second tomorrow as favourites. That they should do so is probably right, though defeat by New South Wales last weekend was a nasty reminder of how vulnerable England, as well as Australia, still are.

There is also some slight doubt about Emburey's fitness, which is of concern both because of the part he played in England's successful start to the series and in view of a pitch that promises to turn.

Emburey complains of a pain just above the elbow of his bowling arm and has no idea how it originated. There is talk of a pinched nerve, which would be preferable, if that is the right word, to tennis elbow. Emburey and the physiotherapist are reasonably confident that he will be on the field tomorrow.

Whether or not Emburey plays, I confess to being uncertain about the likely course of the game. It is easy enough to say that if England play as well again here as they did in Brisbane they should win; but after all we have been through in 1986 it would take a confirmed optimist to believe with any certainty that they will. What, perhaps, gives England the edge is their much greater experience. They have, between them, something like 200 more caps than the Australians.

Nothing puts Australia's recent difficulties into better perspective than the fact that, of the 11 that played for them in the Test against West Indies here only two years ago, no fewer than seven (Alderman, Dyson, Hogg, Hughes, Rackemann, Wessels and Yallop) are in South Africa and unlikely to play Test cricket again.

Those are worse losses than England suffered during the Packer years and they explain why Gatting's side is now much the more seasoned of the two. Nor have Australia's selectors done anything to counter this by giving Border a couple of players conditioned to the sound of gunfire.

If England's plans would be badly upset if Emburey were missing, Botham, as a batsman, could still hold the key. To the Australians he must seem scarcely less of a threat (though not with the ball) than Richard Hadlee did to England last summer: of his four Test hundreds against Australia, three have opened the way to English victories.

But there are other encouraging portents. The first of Gower's two Test hundreds in Australia was here in Perth in 1978-79 and Lamb has been in excellent form. Dilley and DeFreitas did well in Brisbane and Athey made his best Test score there. If England's victory in the first Test would not have happened without Botham, the whole team made a contribution of some kind or other.

And now the matter of confidence, which plays so great a part in all sports. Because it does, I regret the attitude in the England camp, however superficial, that there are only five matches on the tour of any account, by which, of course, are meant the Tests.

Had England not batted so badly against New South Wales, they would be in better shape to make the runs they need now. Border feels he has a side of genuine promise, lacking only in confidence. It is because England have got to keep on top of them, for fear of a repetition of 1958-59 when Australia, young and unfancied, suddenly blossomed, that they must guard at all costs against complacency.

If, as I hope, both sides field, and use, two spinners, it will be for the first time in an Anglo-Australian Test since 1978-79. It has never happened in a Perth Test, against England or anyone else. West Indies have just done it in Karachi but they never did so under Clive Lloyd, if they could help it, nor will they under Richards. Should we see it here, it will be like looking back in time.

Border said yesterday morning, after practising alongside the Englishmen, that he may have over-reacted to Australia's defeat in Brisbane, when he withdrew into himself. "I was as disappointed as we all were at having played so badly; worse, I hope, than we ever shall again."

From their hotel close by, England have been able to walk to the nets and back, the opening batsmen returning for more in the afternoon. In 10 first-class innings on the tour England have yet to get past 16 before losing a wicket.

Brian Close turned up at the ground yesterday where, as a young man of 19, he made 108 not out for MCC against Western Australia in his first innings of the 1950-51 tour, the same score as Whitaker's in his first innings out here. I hope Whitaker enjoys his tour more than Close was to do.

Meanwhile, in a recent Sheffield Shield match between Western Australia and Tasmania, Vic Marks had Richard Ellison stumped for 42. He payed for it when, next day, he was caught off Marks. I suppose if Emburey is unable to play tomorrow Marks, who is spending the English winter in Perth, might be sent for.

Border to review tactics for Botham

Allan Border, the Australian captain, was widely criticized for showing Ian Botham too much respect in the first Test match in Brisbane but he will not be repeating the mistake in the second Test.

Border said yesterday: "We want to attack the guy. I don't like setting defensive fields, but I thought that was our best tactic against him in the first Test. He responded by playing a very responsible innings.

Botham, aged 31, set up England's seven-wicket victory with a magnificent 138. But he was never put under pressure, and was even offered singles — just to keep him away from the strike.

However, Border contianed yesterday: "We don't have a Botham complex. We do have a very healthy respect for him, but you can't take the respect too far. Botham has not had that much success in the past in Australia. History suggests he won't do what he did in Brisbane again, but he is always dangerous."

It was the old Border who spoke to reporters after Australia's net practice yesterday. His sour-faced post-match comments in Brisbane can be put down as an out-of-character performance, brought on by bitter disappointment.

"I might have gone a bit overboard at Brisbane," he admitted. "Everyone was upset at the way we played because we thought it was our biggest chance to beat England. But that is history now.

"I just want us to play as well as I know we can in Perth. We are looking forward to this. The morale is good and we think we can win."

Barring last-minute injuries, Geoff Lawson, the fast bowler, is certain to win his 37th cap —his first for nearly a year — after being only twelfth man for the first Test.

The final eleven will not be officially named until tomorrow morning, but Border yesterday pre-empted the selectors by announcing: "Lawson will play. The younger pacemen will get a lot from watching him bowl." Lawson, aged 28, was surprisingly omitted from the side for the first Test, leaving Australia light in terms of penetration and experience. The pace trio used had only eight caps between them.

Merv Hughes has been dropped from the squad for the second Test, following his disappointing performance in Brisbane, and Border warned the two Western Australians, Bruce Reid and Chris Matthews, that their international futures were now on the line.

"But Henry's (Lawson) presence will help. He is a senior player and will set an example," Border said. "But, when they have the ball in their hands, no-one can do it for them — it is down to them."

Border indicated that Peter Sleep, a right-handed batsman and occasional leg-spin bowler, would be twelfth man, rather than Steve Waugh, because the Perth wicket has less grass on it than usual.

Both sides' players were surprised at the straw colour of the Perth pitch and its dryness for November. Botham had a particularly close look at it, lying full length on his stomach at the bowler's end.

"I think I can see ridges and gullies," he proclaimed, following his inspection. He advised Mike Gatting, England's captain, to "win the toss and bat for two days".

Meanwhile, Botham's professionalism, which is sometimes underestimated, shone through again at the nets yesterday. While most of his England colleagues were awaiting their turn to bat or bowl, the 31-year-old all-rounder closely studied Sleep, who played the last of his four Test matches in 1982.

Fighting back: South African cricket has helped to rekindle Thomas's enthusiasm

Rejuvenated Thomas hoping to reclaim England place

East London, South Africa

While England career on their roller-coaster ride around Australia and rely increasingly on Ian Botham to illicit encore after encore on the final leg of his touring days, 5,000 miles to the west in South Africa, the forgotten omission from Mike Gatting's squad is steadily — and efficiently — honing his skills to return to favour.

Greg Thomas understands better than most the pendulums of life as an international cricketer. Just 14 months ago, the Glamorgan all-rounder was England's baffling choice to be the spearhead attacking counter to the West Indian pace machine of Marshall, Holding, Garner, Walsh and Gray. After nursing a hamstring injury all season — and without a fast bowling partner — Thomas's pride and confidence received a battering.

Future depends on more than ability

Only now does Thomas believe those scars are beginning to heal. "Fast bowlers need some rest from too much cricket," he admits, "and unless the pitch was really helpful last season, I didn't really let go. I can certainly sympathize why Botham wants to give up touring and why Gooch decided stay home with his family."

Sitting in a pair of briefs named after Jan Smuts, another wily campaigner who had his fair share of setbacks and triumphs, Thomas is optimistic. "I'm beginning to find my enthusiasm again," he says after giving his wicketkeeping team colleague a goalkeeping catching session that would have had Shilton nodding with approval.

Thomas's rekindled enthusiasm has brought him a batting average of 57.50 so far in 50-over games in what is still regarded as one of the strongest domestic competitions. If Peter May's selectors must wish that one of their present lower order batsmen would display such consistency; Thomas is far from satisfied after missing out on the Australia tour. "Who knows how the selectors think?" he wondered. "But I must admit my main job is to take wickets — and 46 last season wasn't enough. So I can't complain even if I would have loved to have teamed up with Dilley."

Unfortunately for Thomas, he has again gravitated towards a side who are the mirror-image of Glamorgan: Border, a minor province, mixing a few successes with liberal doses of failure. Although Thomas has found some success against the major province's top order batsmen, he again finds himself with little back-up. But he is not downhearted.

"For the past month I've been working on what Geoff Arnold and Mickey Stewart taught me at a coaching clinic with Dilley and Ellison before I left England — mainly my rhythm. I think it's coming right. At Newlands I let one bumper fly and it went right over the wicketekeeper's head for four. I wish there were more wickets like that in England ... and Newlands is supposed to be featherbed!"

With England about to start the second Test in Perth, Thomas is plainly envious, believing at the age of 26, he is as fit and near his peak as he has ever been. "I'll be around 30 for the next Australia tour," he says. "I hope I'll still be around."

Whether Thomas will still be "around" however, does not depend solely on his ability. On the question of why he decided to ignore a warning from the organizers of next year's World Cup that any player going to South Africa would not be welcome with England in India and Pakistan, Thomas is as skittish as a yearling at the Newmarket sales.

"Months before Ali Bacher (the SA Cricket Union's chief executive) asked would I return if I wasn't chosen for Australia. The Border cricket union have been great to me and now I have the chance to become the senior professional with special responsibilities to coach the senior team and provincial school teams. Nobody else was going to pay me this winter," he said. "I have an advanced coaching certificate and have a lot of experience to give, so why shouldn't I use it?"

Thomas reinforces his right to give loyalty and further his career with the view that South Africa is undergoing vast changes to dismantle apartheid: his home town recently voting itself an "open" city where all races can own property. The South African Group Areas Act however, does not allow such thinking.

The keen amateurs who sneaked from work to lunch for a net practice with the "pro" have gone. "Fancy lunch on the beach?" Thomas asks, and as an after-thought: "You know they don't even have the segregation signs anymore."

"I want to stay clear of trouble"

The Welshman's throwaway line and his refusal to answer why he has placed himself in jeopardy if wishes to regain his England place are not the acts of someone who believes the only racial battles are fought annually at Cardiff Arms Park and Twickenham. Strangely, he has also told Border he is not available to play against Kim Hughes's Australian side when they are scheduled to come to East London early next month.

"I want to stay clear of trouble," he explains. Undoubtedly he would nod at the sentiments of one of South Africa's popular protest singers, Jennifer Ferguson, who laments: "We don't even know the questions, never mind the answers anymore."

Now the question is whether Thomas will regain favour when Botham waves goodbye next summer and only the politicians know the answer of whether J G Thomas, of England, Glamorgan and Border, has gone beyond the pale. Bowling to Viv Richards in full-flight last winter may yet prove a picnic in comparison.

Norman Crews

When the Wacker went fair wacky

By Simon Wilde

Two bizarre incidents may come to mind as thoughts turn to *Perth and the second Test match* with Australia. Each concerned an Australian opening bowler from Perth itself: one made a fool of himself, the other made himself look a fool.

On December 15, 1979 many people believed that Dennis Lillee had literally gone off his tree when he forsook the traditional willow and walked to the wicket with an aluminium bat in his hand. Despite objections from Brearley, the England captain, the umpires and his own captain, Greg Chappell, it was 10 minutes (a lengthy commercial by any metallurgist's standards) before he could be persuaded to exchange it for the proper implement.

Three years later, on England's last full tour of Australia, crowd violence of the kind not usually associated with cricket erupted between rival England and Australian factions. The trouble began when about 15 spectators, some carrying Union Jacks, ran on to the field as England reached 400.

One of them cuffed round the head Terry Alderman, who gave chase and brought down his man with something else not usually associated with cricket, a rugby tackle, and dislocated his right shoulder in the process. He was not to play Test cricket again for nearly 16 months.

Perth is the only new ground to have been accepted into the coterie of Anglo-Australian Test venues during the past 50 years. To accommodate it the Australian Cricket Board had to persuade MCC to agree to an unprecedented six-match series in 1970-71. Perth's first Test proved a great success, with over 84,000 attending, and it was not long before the Western Australian Cricket Association (the ground is known colloquially as the "Wacker") was being assigned a match every year.

In each of the five England-Australia Tests at Perth the side winning the toss have always elected to field first. Not that it has done them much good: the one time that England did it they lost; Australia's return has been one win, two draws and a defeat. This is not something peculiar to these matches. In all Tests at Perth the trend is the same and the outcome equally mixed.

The theory is that the pitch will hold early life for the fast, or more particularly fast-medium, bowlers, after which it will play better and better. For many years Perth used to be reckoned among the fastest and truest pitches in the world but more recently it has been slower and given significant help to the seam bowlers, a number of whom have returned outstanding analyses there.

Invariably, the side superior in this department have won, regardless of which succeeded with the toss. In 1979-80 Botham, relied upon almost excessively by Brearley, took 11 wickets in 18.5 overs for England and Dymock, for Australia, took nine, including a match-winning six for 34 in the second innings.

The medium-pace exponents have found an invaluable accomplice in the "Fremantle Doctor," a stiff breeze which blows off the Swan River in the middle of the day. Traditionally, this was called upon by the off-spinner, who could bowl into it with benefit, but of late he has not had much of a look-in.

All this puts a great premium on a side's close catching. At Perth in 1974-75, when England were overrun in four days, the Australian slips and gully cordon gave a brilliant exhibition of the art, accepting 13 out of 14 chances offered. One of them, Greg Chappell, established a Test record for a fieldsman with seven catches, all but two of them at second slip.

These days if batsmen are to make runs at Perth the likelihood is that they will have to graft for them. Boycott always used to like batting there. In 1979-80 he carried his bat for 99 not out, a heroic innings which almost saved England the game; in 1970-71 he hit only three boundaries in his 70 and in 1978-79 none at all in his seven-and-a-half-hour 77, though this was in part due to the long boundaries on the ground.

Four years ago Tavaré occupied the crease there for a total of almost 10 hours over scores of 89 and nine. In the first innings he remained 66 not out for 90 minutes; in the second he took 64 minutes over the first run. Against which it is unfair to place Redpath's eight-hour 171 in Perth's inaugural Test but that, too, was dull and dour.

England's five Tests in Perth have produced four centuries by their own batsmen and six by Australia's, including two by Greg Chappell. By almost two hours the shortest of these has been Dong Walters's 103 in 1974-75, when he scored exactly 100 between tea and close of play on the second day, hitting the six runs he needed for his century in the period with a fierce pull off Willis from the last ball of the day.

England should perhaps be grateful that Lillee and Alderman will not be playing this time, for they always enjoyed bowling on their home patch. At Perth in 1982-83, when the fifth day began, Willis's side were in danger of defeat with a lead of 150 and only five second-innings wickets remaining. Had Alderman been fit throughout the match, Australia might well have won but, as it was, England comfortably escaped with a draw, a rare result at Perth.

A thorn among roses

Dickie Bird, the Yorkshire-born Test match umpire, has caused a stir by defecting to the red rose club, Lancashire. Bird, who lives at White Rose Cottage, Barnsley, is promoting Lancashire County Cricket Club in a move across the Pennines which has surprised his fellow Yorkshiremen.

Bird is pictured wearing bowler hats and carrying umbrellas and briefcases on the front cover of a leaflet to promote business packages at Old Trafford. One member of the Yorkshire committee said: "We were surprised to see him promoting the enemy. But then, Dickie never stops amazing us."

A spokesman for Lancashire said: "Dickie was chosen because he is such a popular character and is so well known in the cricket world."

Neale after 'missing ingredient'

Phil Neale, the Worcestershire captain, yesterday endorsed his county's interest in signing Ian Botham. After being reappointed captain for a sixth season, Neale said: "If Somerset let him go I would be very keen to see him at Worcester."

In the past two seasons Neale has twice led Worcestershire to fifth place in the county championship as well as taking them into three semi-finals in one-day competitions.

Adding that he has no worries about the England all-rounder's reputation or his possible effect on the dressing-room, he said: "I know our players would welcome having Ian in the side. We are so near to being a successful side and I'm keen to find the missing ingredient that would turn us into a very good team."

Duncan Fearnley, the club chairman and leader of the Botham lobby at New Road, said the county committee had expressed its "full support" for moves to strengthen the playing staff.

Two other counties to have shown an interest in Botham are Derbyshire and Warwickshire. Derbyshire are also considering an offer to Geoff Boycott, but are waiting on Botham's response before making a decision on new signings.

With the World Cup looming, **Richard Streeton** reviews West Indies' six-week tour of Pakistan

Batsmen suffer as Pakistan pitch ploy backfires

Whether Pakistan's chances against West Indies in recent weeks would have been improved if they had prepared better pitches will divide local opinion here for a long time. No secret was made in official circles that the pitches produced for the one-day games and Test matches were aimed at assisting Abdul Qadir's leg-spin and to nullify the effectiveness of the West Indian fast bowlers. Every country, to varying degrees, does this sort of thing and it would be naive to linger over the morality involved.

Not everyone in Pakistan cricket, though, is convinced that the plan worked to their team's advantage and query the necessity for it. Qadir certainly had a rewarding season but the West Indies pace bowlers usually rose above the conditions. Even more significantly, the grassless, caked mud surfaces, left the batsmen of both teams struggling. Pakistan's own strokemakers, ironically, found it harder to graft in the necessary manner than their opponents.

Mr Hasib Ahsan, who is the chairman of both the Pakistan selectors and their World Cup technical committee, assured me that fast pitches, with even bounce, would be provided for next year's World Cup. "That will be essential," he said. "You can be certain that our pitches will be greatly improved." One hopes he is right.

At it was, however, West Indies reckoned that the only proper pitch they found on this tour was the practice wicket at the Lahore Stadium's nets, with Hyderabad's pitch the best of those used in matches. The poor pitches, with the ball keeping low and coming through at different heights, brought some drab batting and unusually low scoring.

There was only one century stand for either side in the Test series — the 111 put on by Javed Miandad and Ramiz Raja last Saturday. Nobody managed to make a hundred, only the third time in Test history that this has happened in any series of three or more matches. The first instance came in the England v Australia series in 1888 and the other was in India in 1969-70 when New Zealand were the visitors.

Long-term, West Indies will remember this crowded six-week tour as the time when their bowling department was successfully remodelled. Gray and Walsh confirmed they were ready to step into the places filled for so many years by Garner and Holding. Gray and Walsh have clearly benefitted from their English experience and their good line and determination helped them overcome the conditions. Both men dovetailed splendidly with Marshall, whose form shows no hint of decline and who time and time again inflicted a disastrous start on the Pakistan innings.

Gray, Walsh and Marshall, though, are going to be tired men when they rejoin their counties next April. Benjamin, the youngster still being groomed, did not have many opportunities but maintained the advance he made with Leicestershire last summer. Patterson, however, seems have lost some of the basic speed he was showing a year ago. He had the hardest time coming to terms with Pakistan pitches. Similarly, Butts's ability to spin the ball more, brought him more success than Harper, his fellow off-spinner, when both were used in the last Test.

Richards's poor form stole the headlines but in fact most of the West Indian batsmen had a lean time by their standards. The coming weeks in Australia and New Zealand will give them every chance to play their strokes again but the time is not far distant when new faces will have to be infiltrated into the ranks as has been done among the bowlers. Only Richardson among the first six in the present batting order is on the right side of 30.

It is hard to say how much Salim Malik's broken left arm in the first Test affected the confidence and form of the other Pakistan batsmen for the rest of the programme. Malik has a good record against pace and before his injury had hinted that it held no terrors for him.

Like every other country, Pakistan's inability to get a good start mitigated against their chances of big totals. The seasoned openers, Mudassar Nazar and Mohsin Khan, are clearly both coming to the end of their international careers. Waiting in the wings for regular middle order places are Ejaz Ahmed and the left-handed Asif Mujtaba, both teenagers and brilliant strokemakers.

Imran Khan had a magnificent series and shared Marshall's ability to extract lift and bounce from the deadest of pitches. In Qadir and the off-spinner Tauseef Ahmed, Pakistan have two outstanding slow bowlers but in England next summer I expect the outstanding successes to be the left-arm seamers, Wasim Akram and Saleem Jaffer. Both swing the ball across the batsman's body towards the slips but can bring the odd one back a la J K Lever.

Marshall: no hint of decline

PAKISTAN V WEST INDIES TEST AVERAGES

PAKISTAN

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	R	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct	St
Javed Miandad	3	6	0	176	76	29.33	–	1	–	–
Imran Khan	3	6	2	115	61	28.75	–	1	1	–
Ramiz Raja	3	6	0	120	62	20.00	–	1	4	–
Salim Yousuf	3	6	0	114	51	19.00	–	1	9	–
Mudassar Nazar	2	4	0	69	26	17.25	–	–	–	–
Wasim Akram	2	4	0	67	66	16.75	–	1	–	–
Qasim Omar	3	6	1	71	48	14.20	–	–	–	–
Tauseef Ahmed	3	6	3	33	9*	11.00	–	–	–	–
Abdul Qadir	3	5	1	38	14	9.50	–	–	1	–
Saleem Jaffer	1	1	0	9	9	9.00	–	–	–	–
Mohsin Khan	3	5	0	48	40	9.60	–	–	1	–
Asif Mujtaba	2	4	0	38	12	9.50	–	–	–	–
Ejaz Ahmed	1	2	0	8	8	4.00	–	–	1	–
Salim Malik	1	2	2	24	21*	–	–	–	–	–

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Ave	BB	5I	10M
Imran Khan	102.1	24	199	18	11.05	6-58	2	–
Wasim Akram	71	5	212	6	18.66	6-98	1	–
Abdul Qadir	152.5	19	361	18	20.05	6-72	1	–
Tauseef Ahmed	76	25	180	5	36.00	3-27	–	–
Salim Jaffer	23	5	57	2	28.50	1-22	–	–

Also bowled: Asif Mujtaba 3-2-2-0, Mudassar Nazar 4-0-15-...

WEST INDIES

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	R	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct	St
D L Haynes	3	5	1	149	88*	37.25	–	1	3	–
I V A Richards	3	5	0	175	70	35.00	–	1	1	–
R B Richardson	3	5	0	148	54	29.30	–	1	5	–
C G Greenidge	3	5	0	132	75	26.40	–	1	3	–
H A Gomes	3	5	0	97	33	19.40	–	–	–	–
C G Butts	2	3	0	35	17	11.66	–	–	–	–
R A Harper	3	5	0	49	28	9.80	–	–	3	–
M D Marshall	3	5	1	32	13*	8.00	–	–	–	–
A H Gray	3	5	1	27	12*	6.75	–	–	2	–
B P Patterson	1	2	1	6	6*	6.00	–	–	1	–
P J Dugon	3	5	0	27	19	5.40	–	–	6	1
C A Walsh	3	5	1	12	8	3.00	–	–	1	–

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Ave	BB	5I	10M
C G Butts	60	24	95	6	15.83	4-73	–	–
A H Gray	99	26	277	14	19.21	4-49	–	–
M D Marshall	114	27	266	13	19.69	3-33	–	–
C A Walsh	97.3	27	195	11	17.72	4-41	–	–
B P Patterson	51	4	160	3	53.33	2-32	–	–
R A Harper	36.5	9	98	2	34.50	2-56	–	–

Also bowled: I V A Richards 5-2-9-1

● Compiled by Richard Lockwood.

Lamb: a great series

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MOTOR SPORT

Peugeot to consider a grand prix campaign

Paris (AP) — The French team, Peugeot Talbot, the world rally champions for the past two years, are considering entering Formula One grand prix racing, the team manager, Jean Todt, announced yesterday. Todt said a decision would be taken early next year on three possibilities — to abandon high-level competition, to enter the world sports prototype championship, or to form a full grand prix team building engine, gearbox and car.

Meanwhile, there are plans for an off-road programme next year including the Paris to Dakar rally, the Baja 1000 in Mexico and the Pike's Peak hillclimb in Colorado.

Renault, Peugeot's state-owned rival, have just abandoned a long but vain attempt to win the world grand prix championship, entering a full team from 1977 to 1984 and mounting engines in leading cars this year.

Peugeot's Talbot subsidiary started a grand prix engine programme in 1981 but it was cancelled for commercial reasons before an engine was unveiled. Todt said no decisions about major developments could be taken until after a French civil court rules, towards the end of February, on a case brought by Peugeot against the International Auto Sport Federation (FISA).

The sport's ruling body announced, after a series of rally deaths early this year, that the fastest Group B cars, such as Peugeot's 205 GTI Turbo 16, would be banned from the championship from 1987. Todt said the decision contravened FISA's own rules requiring several years' notice of such changes. FISA has said that it was overruled on safety grounds.

The team will run three modified 205 GTI Turbo 16s in the Paris to Dakar event, starting on January 1. The Finnish driver, Ari Vatanen, who was seriously injured in the Argentinian rally in 1984, will make his competition comeback, partnered by the French television commentator and Paris to Dakar veteran, Bernard Giroux.

The Kenyan, Shekhar Mehta, who has won the Safari rally five times, and the Safari organizer, Mike Doughty, will crew the second car. The third car will be driven by the Italian, Andrea Zanussi, with a Peugeot mechanic, acting in part as a high-service car for Vatanen and Mehta.

Celebrating Williams

Frank Williams, convalescent head of the Canon Williams Honda Formula One team, is to receive a supersonic salute at Brands Hatch on Sunday.

A British Airways Concorde will swoop in low over the Kent circuit around noon, as part of Williams Day — a day-long celebration in recognition of Williams and his team's outstanding achievements this season.

Among the Oxfordshire-based team's successes came the constructors' title, and second and third place in the drivers' world championship, even though Williams himself was badly injured in a motor accident before the season started.

Nigel Mansell, winner of five grands prix this year, will also be taking part in the day's events. He will attempt to break the unofficial lap record for the Indy circuit in his turbocharged FW11 Williams Honda and must lap the 1.2 mile track in under 35.85 seconds at a speed of over 120.86mph.

FISHING

Calling magic to the mind this Christmas

By Conrad Voss Bark

There is nothing like a good fishing book for Christmas reading as a gift from your nearest and dearest. There have been many good ones published this year and I have chosen four which I think are among the best and which are certain to be in the shops.

If you love Wiltshire and Dorset and if the names of Avon and Wylye, Nadder and Ebble, Stour, Piddle and Frome call magic to the mind then *A Ring of Wessex Waters* (Witherby, £15.50) is an absolute must for Christmas, for it tells the tale of these rivers and the history of the towns and countryside that they pass through. It was the last book written by the late John Ashley-Cooper and there is a moving tribute to him in a foreword by Aylmer Tryon.

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RUGBY UNION: MIDFIELD SPEED AND FORWARD ZEAL END A BARREN SPELL

Cambridge confidence returns as points begin to flow again

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Cambridge University . 30
Steele-Bodger's XV 20

It is surprising what a few points can do for you. Cambridge University had been scoreless for their last two games but their confidence returned at Grange Road yesterday when they won their annual encounter with Mickey Steele-Bodger's judiciously-selected team by two goals, three tries and two penalty goals to two goals and two tries.

Indeed, once they took the lead in the eighth minute, they were never headed, although the guest side caught up early in the second-half. They owed victory to the wiles of their midfield and the enthusiasm of their forwards at lineout and in the loose. Kelly and Withyman grew in stature the longer the game went on and the experience of Cushing was of great value in the closing minutes.

It has not been a good term for Cambridge and a freezing downpour midway through the first-half did not help either side to settle. But, against a scratch combination, Cambridge found holes for Clough and his agile partner, Wyles, both of whom had the speed to take advantage.

Steele-Bodger's XV could find no fluidity behind the scrum. Despite the advantage they possessed in the set pieces — Moore took a string of balls against the head — Giles never escaped the attentions of the Cambridge back row and Charlie Smith had an off day with his handling. Cambridge may be a little naive in defence on the flanks but, on the day, it was seldom exposed.

The university led 13-10 at the interval, by which time their guests had lost the services of Cooke, who went off having sprung his shoulder joint, an injury which may prevent him from playing for some weeks. He was replaced by Pepper, who is probably fed up with jokes about adding seasoning to the pack and who has played for the university at lock this season, while Ripley moved to the back row.

Cambridge's first two tries came from passes put down by Lord, Clough scooping up the ball both times to score the first himself and lay on the second for Oti. A neat break by Charlie Smith led to Cook's try and Giles struggled over from a five-metre scrum when his side was temporarily down to 14 men.

A delightful swerve by Simon Smith gave him space to send in Moore for the try which, converted by Metcalfe, levelled the scores. But then Cambridge went away. Lord, standing deep behind a five-metre scrum, gave Wyles space for the half-break, Clough finishing in style. The England centre scored a third try by finding a channel clear to the line from 40 metres and Thomas helped put the icing on the Cambridge cake by racing into the line and sending Wyles over for a deserved score.

Hobbs, the students' lock, left the field with a jarred neck, which is not expected to prove a problem, and Obogu, always a handful in the loose, gave Steele-Bodger's the final word. But Cambridge, with their best total of the season and their second win of the term, had already written the winner's speech.

SCORERS: Cambridge University: Tries: Clough (3), Wyles, Oti; conversions: Thomas (2); penalties: Thomas (2). M R Steele-Bodger's XV: Tries: Cook, Moore, Giles, Obogu; conversions: Metcalfe (2).
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: M Thomas (Gowerton and Magdalene); T Isaac (Welbeck College and Churchill), *K Wyles (Wymondham and Trinity Hall), *F Clough (St John Rigby and Magdalene, captain), C Oti (Millfield and St Edmund's); T Lord (Bedford Modern and Christ's), A Cushing (Magdalen, Brackley, and Magdalene); *N Herrod (King Henry VIII, Coventry, and Clare), S Gilchrist (Sevenoaks and Magdalene), N Hunt (Hutton GS and Selwyn), *S Kelly (Richard Hulsh and Corpus Christi), A Hobbs (Worth and Magdalene)(rep. J Freeman, Warwick and St John's), N Topping (High Wycombe RGS and St John's), R Wellwright (Glenalmond and Magdalene), *T Withyman (Spalding GS and Emmanuel).
M R STEELE-BODGER'S XV: I Metcalfe (Moseley); M Bailey (Wasps and England, captain), G Lelen (London Welsh), C Smith (Harlequins), S Smith (Wasps and England); A Clement (Swansea), R Giles (Aberavon and Wales); V Obogu (Moseley), W James (Aberavon and Wales), J Probyn (Wasps), P Cook (Nottingham), J Orwin (Bedford and England), A Ripley (Rosslyn Park and England), D Cooke (Harlequins and England)(rep. M Pepper, Cambridge University Lx), M Gibson (London Irish and Ireland).
Referee: I Sutherwell (East Midlands).
*Blue

Delighted Owen is cleared

Adrian Owen, the Bridgend captain, succeeded in his appeal against a 22-week suspension yesterday after being sent off for the fourth time in his career against Bristol on November 1.

The Welsh Rugby Union executive committee cleared the Rhondda schoolmaster, aged 30, to play at Pontypool on Saturday. Owen vigorously protested his innocence after being sent off by Gareth Simmonds, the referee, when he was alleged to have kicked Simon Hogg, the centre, at the Brewery Field.

His appeal was supported by written submissions from Hogg and David Thomas, his fellow Bristol player, who thought the incident was accidental.

Owen, a second row forward, who was originally told his ban would keep him out of rugby until April 5, was jubilant at the decision which could even give him a chance of winning a place in the Welsh trial. The teams are announced tomorrow.

"Obviously I'm ecstatic," he said. "It's taken a long time, but the WRU got there in the end. I've been fairly treated and I've had marvellous support from friends, family and players — even people I don't know."

● Richmond are not looking to break off fixtures with Swansea amid allegations that Paul Moriarty, their flank forward, punched Chris Mills, the Richmond prop forward, and damaged his eye.

Mike Humphreys, the chairman, said: "The incident at Swansea is currently under discussion between the clubs. Both are in possession of a video of the Harlech TV coverage of the match. Any comments which have been made concerning the incident represent personal opinions," he said.

Midlands formidable again

By David Hands

The Midlands, winners last season of the Thorn EMI divisional championship, have married the disparate talents of Leicester and Nottingham to play London at the Wasps ground on Saturday week.

Neil Mantell, the winning captain and Nottingham lock, will lead a team containing five of his colleagues and six players from Leicester, who earlier this month terminated Nottingham's unbeaten record.

Nevertheless the Midlands show seven changes from that which beat London at Northampton last December. The most substantial ones are in the pack where Brian Moore has displaced Steve Brain, England's hooker last season, and is joined in the front row by Stuart Redfern, whose brother, Steve, was capped as a replacement against Ireland in 1984 before going to rugby league.

Redfern has been given the vote ahead of Lee Johnson, the Coventry captain, which reflects well upon the Leicester tight five forwards as a scrummaging unit (of whom Wayne Richardson must have been discussed as a tight-head prop). Gary Pearce will make up the front row, assuming he has recovered from a calf muscle injury.

John Orwin, who moved from Gloucester to Bedford during the summer, is given his first outing for the Midlands, for whom he is qualified because he withdrew from the Yorkshire team last weekend. Had he appeared at Morley, he would automatically have qualified for the North, whose team is due to be released next Sunday.

John Wells, the England under-23 flanker, is rewarded for his consistency ahead of Peter Cook, who seems doomed to an eternal role as replacement, but the Midlands back row selection will pose a formidable challenge as a unit which could seek higher honours.

Steve Thomas (Coventry) who played so well in the divisional championship last season, has not played for his club thus far because of injury. Richard Moon (Nottingham) will make a more than adequate replacement, having nudged ahead of Nick Youngs, as has, apparently, Simon Robson, of Moseley, who is the replacement scrum half.

Barry Evans, the Leicester right wing, has not played for his club for some weeks because of an Achilles tendon injury, but he hopes to play for Leicester's second team this weekend.

MIDLANDS: S Hodgkinson (Nottingham); B Evans (Leicester), G Harkey (Nottingham), P Dodge (Leicester), J Goodwin (Moseley); C Unsworth (Leicester), R Moon (Nottingham); S Redfern (Leicester), B Moore (Nottingham), G Pearce (Northampton), J Wells (Leicester), J Orwin (Bedford), N Mantell (Nottingham, captain), G Rees (Nottingham), D Richards (Leicester). Replacements: A Key (Bedford), M Northard (Nottingham), S Robson (Moseley), L Johnson (Coventry), S Brain (Rugby), P Cook (Nottingham).

Holifield gets off to a flyer

By Peter Marson

Strike Command 11
Support Command 9

In fairness it must be said that in an excellent, hard-fought match, Support Command were much weakened by the loss in the second half of two key players — Parsonage, a flank forward, and, Worrall, the scrum-half.

Indeed a superior first-half display by the Support forwards, particularly at the set pieces, had meant their opponents, potentially the more dangerous force, were obliged to spend much of their time in defence.

In this period Worrall's optimism fired an ambition to kick goals from differing angles along the half-way line, but he was to succeed once only, from 35 metres and a wide angle on the left.

In the meantime Strike Force had moved out of defence to score a fine try through Gigg. This was borne of a splendidly executed movement from left to right in which a good pass by Goslin put the long-legged Holifield away on a powerful run which ended with Gigg crossing the line.

Holifield, who hails from Neath and who only recently joined the RAF, has the look of a promising player. The ball ran his way — rather than towards Underwood on the left wing — and at length he underlined a first-rate display with the best try of the match following a sprint of 40 yards.

SCORERS: Strike Command: Tries: Gigg, Holifield. Pen: Allen. Support Command: Try: Smith; Pen: Worrall; Con: Carr.
STRIKE COMMAND: Cpl S Lazenby (Brize Norton); Cpl K Holifield (Brize Norton), Flt Lt I Goslin (Brize Norton), Cpl N Rollins (Lyneham), Flg Off R Underwood (Wyton); Cpl N Allen (North Coates), Flt Lt M Sibley (Chivenor); Cpl M Davenport (Brize Norton), Cpl N Wheeler (Aldergrove), Cpl D Robson (Kinloss), Cpl G Still (Brize Norton, capt), Cpl S Wilsden (Lyneham), Cpl G Collings (High Wycombe), Jar Tech D Gigg (Lyneham), Flg Off I Stevens (Benson).
SUPPORT COMMAND: Sgt P Aherne (St Athan); Cpl A Barker (St Athan), Cpl M Thomas (St Athan), LAC M C Carr (Stafford), SAC H T Tew (St Athan); Cpl S J Gray (Linton-on-Ouse), Cpl S Worrall (Finningley; rep: Cpl J McKinnon, Newton); FS J S Pelham (Swanton Morley), Cpl D R Allison (St Athan), SAC K Smith (St Athan), Cpl D A Parsonage (Finningley; rep: Cpl P Morter, Witterings), FAC I L Thickpenny (St Athan), FAC J Evans (St Athan), FAC R Rees (St Athan), Cpl J Wood (St Athan, capt).
Referee: Mr N Fisher (Notts, Lincs and Derby Society).

ICE SKATING

Up and under: Cheryl Peake and Andrew Naylor show their British championship style

A pair out to bridge the gap

By John Heanessy

A Nottingham couple, Cheryl Peake and Andrew Naylor, promise to repair the one glaring deficiency that has afflicted British ice skating for far too long.

Curry and Cousins and, later, Torvill and Dean have reached the pinnacle of achievement in their different disciplines in the last decade, and a medal in the women's individual event is also not unknown. But discovering a British success in the pairs is almost to delve into the prehistory of the sport.

Now, Peake and Naylor, with a little bit of help from a Canadian friend, hope to put the matter right. Their performance in winning the British championship for the second time at Solihull on Tuesday was strong enough to encourage the chance of an improvement over their 13th place in last year's world championships when the event is repeated in Cincinnati next March.

The remarkable thing about Peake and Naylor is that they came together only in June, 1984, under the tuition of Wendy Paton, who had had no previous experience in pair skating. Yet, within 18 months, they had unseated Lisa Cushley and her brother, Neil, as British champions. A year further on and the Nottingham pair were in a different class.

They now spend much time in Kitchener, Ontario, with a distinguished Canadian trainer, Kerry Leitch, a man who has in his academy the top three Canadian pairs. The discipline is strong in Canada, and Peake and Naylor have the advantage of habitually rubbing shoulders with up to a score of rivals, at once setting an example and a pace.

"I'm hoping for a place in the top 10 for them in Cincinnati," Leitch says, "but even that won't be easy." He earmarks three places for both the Soviet Union and Canada, which leaves few openings for the rest of the world.

The surprise turn of Tuesday evening had been Jayne Taylor, a vivacious 17-year-old skater from North Shields, who achieved the extraordinary accolade of first place in technical merit in the short programme, despite having to skate first among the 21 competitors.

She and her near neighbour, Joanne Conway, the British champion, were the only two skaters to succeed with a triple jump, and Miss Taylor also survived the double axel, with which Miss Conway failed. Higher marks for presentation lifted the champion into first place, but Miss Taylor had done enough to awaken us to her potential.

Tuesday's late results

WOMEN: Short programme: 1, J Conway (Sunderland & Billingham), 0.4 pts; 2, J Taylor (Sunderland & Billingham), 0.8; 3, F Hamilton (Streatham), 1.2; 4, J Soames (Queens), 1.6; 5, R Powell (Sheffield), 2.0; 6, G Fulton (Sunderland), 2.4. After two elements: 1, Conway, 1.0 pts; 2, Hamilton, 2.4; 3, Fulton, 4.2; 4, P Shellard (Southampton), 5.8; 5, L Wooster (Richmond), 7.4; 6, J Fox (Richmond), 7.8.
MEN: Compulsory figures: 1, P Robinson (Blackpool and Billingham), 0.6 pts; 2, S Durrant (Solihull), 1.2; 3, C Newberry (Solihull), 1.8; 4, M Renjard (Dundee), 2.4; 5, A Moore (Sunderland), 3.0; 6, C Wildridge (NSA), 3.6. Short programme: 1, Moore, 0.4 pts; 2, Robinson, 0.8; 3, Newberry, 1.2; 4, Durrant, 2.8; 5, J Martin (Kyle), 2.0; 6, Wildridge, 2.4. After two elements: 1, Robinson, 1.4; 2, Durrant, 2.8; 3, Newberry, 3.0; 4, Moore, 3.4; Renjard, 5.8; 6, Wildridge, 6.0.
PAIRS: Free skating: 1, C Peake and A Naylor (Nottingham), 1.0 pts; 2, L Cushley and N Cushley (Teesside), 2.0; 3, C Kay and C Nelson (Durham and Billingham), 3.0. Final: 1, Miss Peake and Naylor, 1.4 pts; 2, Miss Cushley and Cushley, 2.8; 3, Miss Kay and Nelson 4.2.

Study to promote sport in schools

By John Goodbody
Sports News Correspondent

The Government yesterday set up a study on the role of sport in the state school curriculum. Richard Tracey, the Minister for Sport, announced this review after chairing a seminar of 90 representatives of governing bodies and physical educationalists.

The new study, which is likely to be carried out by someone outside sport, has been commissioned jointly by the Department of the Environment and the Department of Education and Science.

The meeting was the climax of a year-long inquiry by Mr Tracey on mounting, and sometimes hysterical, concern that competitive sport, particularly team games, is suffering in schools.

Although there is a growing belief in education that less gifted pupils must be helped to find rewarding activities that they can continue after education, and that these may not be traditional games, Mr Tracey stressed that no-one at the seminar had questioned the value of competition in sport.

He also said he saw no incompatibility between the two philosophies of competitive and recreational sport. "The two things can go forward together."

Perhaps. But the review will find that many governing bodies are worried that pupils are not being encouraged to take part in traditional games so that many schools have become unable to field teams and an increasing number of pupils drift away into other activities.

This has been accentuated by the teachers' dispute and the decline in the number of adequate facilities in state schools.

The distress of some governing bodies was exemplified yesterday by the report of Ron Tennick of the Rugby Football Union, who conducted a survey of 685 schools in England. One of the principal needs which emerged was "to achieve a better understanding in trainee teachers of the benefits that can be derived from team sports to balance the new and fashionable philosophy which holds against competition." This presumes that individual sports are non-competitive which, of course, they are. Indeed many pupils

Independent trend has some faults

find far greater satisfaction and benefit from such activities as competitive athletics and swimming.

But sometimes this trend to individual sports has been counter-productive. Peter Lawson, the Secretary of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, said yesterday: "It was widely recognized at the seminar that if there is not a back-up of instruction and supervision, an excessively wide choice is a waste of time and unproductive."

Mr Tracey said that the Government would consider legislation on sport in schools — "if this is the way forward." But he made the point that the only duty that education authorities have towards their pupils on the scholastic programme is to teach religion.

Mr Tracey stressed the importance of better links between schools and local authorities particularly so that there could be dual use of educational facilities. "The head teacher seems much keener on providing resources at schools when the money comes directly back to the school instead of going to the local authorities."

Today's programme consisted of a plenary session and then the meeting broke up into four groups to discuss different topics.

These were: curriculum, particularly competition and recreation; facilities in schools and the supervision of extra-curricular activity; teacher leadership and coach training and links between schools and clubs and the role of local authorities and sports governing bodies.

The groups were chaired by Ron Pickering, Peter Lawson, Dr John Kane and Colin Atkinson, of Millfield School.

One point that emerged strongly from the discussion was the harmful effect of the teachers dispute. One representative of a teachers union said that their members were now increasingly expected to be paid for Saturday activities when many traditional games take place.

Scots are among the goals

Paris (AFP) — Scottish forwards continued their recent run of success in France as Eric Black, formerly of Aberdeen, scored twice to help Metz reach the league cup final on Tuesday night.

Metz won 6-3 after extra time at home to the championship leaders, Bordeaux, in their semi-final. Black, perhaps inspired by the efforts of Ray Stephen, the former Dundee forward who scored twice on his league debut for Nancy on Saturday, opened the scoring in the third minute and added the fourth goal after 112 minutes.

Metz's opponents in the final on December 9 will be the second division team, Cannes, the surprise 2-0 winners over Marseilles who trail Bordeaux on goal difference in the championship race. However, the league cup competition is of minor importance in France, as emphasized by the fact that Marseilles went to Cannes without several of their international players.

● The West German first division club, Waldhof Mannheim, have signed Bo Elvar Jorgensen, the Danish international attacker, from Bronshoj Copenhagen for a £66,000 fee. Jorgensen, aged 23, is expected to make his debut against FC Homburg on Saturday. Another first division side, Bochum, yesterday recruited Denmark's Ole Moller-Nielsen, aged 21, on loan from Vejle until the end of the season.

FOOTBALL

A team who have found their second wind

Schools football by George Chesterton

Shrewsbury have not been beaten in their last eight matches. Only against Manchester GS, whom they defeated 6-1, have they not come from behind. When they entertained Charterhouse in a match dominated by the wind their visitors were one ahead at half-time, A Ivamy being the scorer. Early in the second half Shrewsbury equalized through J Prichard. There was no further score.

Forest defeated Kimbolton 1-0, the fourth successive match in which they have not conceded a goal, D Spanton scoring just before half-time.

Lancing mastered a gale-force wind better than Bradfield. Although Bradfied scored just after the interval to be only 2-1 down, the last 20 minutes wereall Lancing and the final score was 6-1. J Baxter led with skill the forwards, of whom J Simpson and A Mercer each scored twice.

Eton and Aldenham were well matched in midfield but Eton made and took their chances well. They were two up in the first quarter of an hour and although Aldenham pulled one back J Keeble sealed the result, scoring one goal and making another. Eton have won four successive matches since half-term.

Under difficult conditions on Tuesday Repton never recovered from the loss of two early goals at Wolverhampton. The home team moved well and made the most of short passes to take the score to 5-0 before Repton came back with two face-saving goals.

After the North v South match at Wolverhampton last Sunday a team has been selected to represent the Independent Schools FA against Hertfordshire at the Bank of England ground, Roehampton, on December 18.

TEAM: D Peters (WGS); I Woodhead (Millfield), S Round (Bolton GS), D Simpson (QEGS), O Hammond (Forest), D Anderson (Repton), P Allen (WGS), A Lee (Chigwell), N McNamara (QEGS), S Duckett (QEGS), D Willetts (Bolton GS).

Dressed to protest

Naples (AP) — Members of a southern Italian team are to wear shirts carrying protests against violence at stadiums.

"We decided to take this initiative to keep burning the torch of love and peace," Luigi Grillo, the president of Afragolese, a fourth division club, said. "Above all it is to express our firm opposition to violence in the world of sport."

During the team's next match — against Ischia on Sunday — players will wear shirts with "Yes to sport, no to violence" printed on them, Grillo said. In addition, a group of young supporters will toss flowers at spectators and shout slogans denouncing stadium violence.

● Ajax Amsterdam's Marco van Basten, top scorer in the Dutch first division, will have an ankle operation next month, which will keep him out of the game for around six weeks.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

TOWER HILL: City of London Poly road race: (2.75 miles): 1, R Pasley (NZ) 13min 25sec; 2, D Pierson (Medway), 13:57; 3, D Rees (City of London Poly), 14:18.

BADMINTON

LEEDS: Carlton v Manx: Hofelaya's grand prix (Carlton names first): Manx's singles: M Frost bt S Baddeley, 15-7, 15-10; E Ismanio lost to N Yates, 1-15, 11-15. Manx's doubles: M Tredgett and A White lost to Baddeley and B Gilliland, 10-15, 10-15; Tredgett and Ismanio lost to D Travers and Yates, 11-15, 15-5, 14-17.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Division One: Caledonia Explorers 88 (Blunt 26), Reg Vardey Sunderland 81 (McCray 30).
NORTH AMERICA: National Associations: New York Knicks 102, Houston Rockets 95; Philadelphia 76ers 102, Boston Celtics 100; Washington Bullets 111, Portland Trail Blazers 99; San Antonio Spurs 117, New Jersey Nets 99; Sacramento Kings 123, Phoenix Suns 102; Golden State Warriors 111, Utah Jazz 108; Seattle Supersonics 113, Los Angeles Clippers 103; Atlanta Hawks 113, Los Angeles Lakers 107.

HANDBALL

NORWAY: Polar Cup tournament: Oppdal Czechoslovakia bt Italy, 28-19. Ramdalsen Denmark bt France, 20-15; Sweden bt Norway's Youth, 26-16. Tynset: Norway bt The Netherlands, 22-18.

CYCLING

ZURICH: Six-day race: Leading positions: 1, S Tourne and E de Wilde (Bel), 24pts; 2, L Fowler and D Gisiger (Switz), 50; 3, R Hermann and B Hermann (Liech), 38; both 1 lap behind; 4, J Mueller and S John (Switz), 36; 5, G Frank and M Marcussen (Den), 31; 6, D Tharau and J Schlapkoff (WG), 13; 7, D Clark (Aus) and A Doyle (GB), 6, all 2 laps behind.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National Hockey League: Quebec Nordiques 2, Montreal Canadiens 1; New York Islanders 5, Pittsburgh Penguins 1; Vancouver Canucks 11, Los Angeles Kings 5.

YACHTING

HONG KONG: World Flying 15 championships: First race: 1, P Morrison and M Appleton (GB); 2, R Bosworth and D Tulloch (GB); 3, G Coulton and G Schultz (Aus); 4, S Birbeck and A Reid (GB); 7, G Wells and S Billingham (GB).

TABLE TENNIS

ZOETERMEER, The Netherlands: European League: Super division: Sweden bt The Netherlands 5-2. Results (Sweden names first): J-O Waldner bt F Beaus, 21-12, 21-18; E Lindh bt P Helden, 21-12, 21-13; B Wilkorsson lost to B Vriesekoop, 14-21, 7-21; Lindh and Waldner bt Helden and R Turk, 21-14, 20-22, 21-18; Waldner and Wilkorsson bt Helden and Vriesekoop, 21-17, 22-20; Lindh bt Boute, 21-18, 15-21, 21-19; Waldner lost to Helden, 20-22, 20-21, 13-21.

FOOTBALL

BERKSHIRE UNDER-19 LEAGUE: Langley GS 3, Upton GS 4.

Hull KR lose out

Hull Kingston Rovers, the beaten Rugby League Challenge Cup finalists, made a loss of £84,016 last season. The club's balance sheet shows that they suffered a loss of £143,203 in the year until the end of May 1986, reduced by profits from the social club and lottery.

Toshack gesture

Real Sociedad, managed by John Toshack, are to play Swansea in a testimonial match at Vetch Field on May 13 for Nigel Stevenson, the defender, aged 28, who has made more than 300 league and cup appearances for the Welsh club. Toshack, who took Swansea from the fourth to the first division before going to Spain, welcomed the chance to help one of his former players.

BOXING

Nelson's blow for Warren's Alexandra bill

Azumah Nelson, the World Boxing Council featherweight champion from Ghana, who destroyed Pat Cowdell in one round, has suspected appendicitis and has had to pull out of meeting Irving Mitchell, the American, at the Alexandra Pavilion next Wednesday.

Frank Warren, the promoter who has an exclusive promotional agreement with Nelson, said the bout would now take place in the New Year, leaving Errol Christie's 10-round contest against Charlie Boston, the New Jersey southpaw as the main event.

● Sammy Reeson, the former British cruiserweight titleholder, will make his comeback against Bash Ali, of Nigeria, at Battersea on Saturday despite the death of Tony Lavelle, his manager, on Tuesday night. Akay Asola, his trainer, has persuaded Reeson "to go through with the match in memory of the man who guided him to the title."

SWIMMING

Devon go to college to try to stop Yorkshire

Yorkshire, who last won the Esso inter-county knockout final in 1984, will attempt to win it again at the Pingles pool, Nuneaton, on Saturday.

Heading their 30-strong team is Helen Frank (City of Leeds), the British junior international and national age group champion. Also included are four national age group medal winners — Helen Mullins (Harrogate), Alex King (City of Bradford), Karl Cockcroft (City of Leeds) and Mark Billam (City of Hull).

Devon, who hope to stop the Yorkshire stampede, lean heavily on Kelly College. No fewer than 13 of their swimmers have been selected. In the party are Helen Slatter and Melanie Bradley, the British junior internationals; Anna Ratcliff, the Commonwealth Games representative; Paul Pedderzolli, the Esso national age group champion; and Melinda Bennett, a national age group medal winner.

Zara Long, the double Commonwealth team bronze medal winner, who has a torn Achilles tendon, is in the squad without being nominated for an event. Devon, who will be making their debut in the final, also include Laura Gahan (Port of Plymouth), the national age group champion.

Ian McKenzie (Braintree and Bocking), who won the outstanding swimmer award at the Esso national age group championships, carries the hopes of Essex. He competes in the 100 and 200 metres breastroke and the medley relay.

Nicole Bates and Debbie Tubby, the national age group champions, add strength to the Norfolk side. Two of their team colleagues are Stuart Wyer and Stuart Wells, who are national age group medal winners.

The talented Russell Stapleton is the top swimmer in the Kent side. He is accompanied by Matthew Driscoll, his Beckenham team colleague and national age group medal winner.

RUGBY LEAGUE

St Helens out to sign a top Australian

St Helens are hoping to sign a leading Australian tourist to replace their injured New Zealander, Mark Elia, whose contract has now been cancelled, with Mal Meninga, Gene Miles, Michael O'Connor and Greg Alexander heading their list.

Alex Murphy, the St Helens manager, said: "We will be sounding them out and hope one of the four will be with us for three months in the New Year.

"But I feel very sorry for Elia, who is a star in his own right. The deal cost us £10,000 for 15 minutes because Elia sustained the hamstring injury back in New Zealand. We want a top-class replacement and hope to tie up a deal quickly."

Meninga scored 28 tries in 31 appearances for St Helens two years ago and is due to return to the club on a three-year contract next season.

Meanwhile, Oldham's second attempt in six days to sign the Leeds forward, Brendan Hill, fell through yesterday. The 21-year-old prop is on the transfer list at £35,000

NETBALL

England are equal to the challenge

England's hitherto unsung heroines are picking up the torch from the men's hockey team by taking on world champions from Australia and giving them a run for their money.

On Saturday, at the Wembley Arena, they are aiming to go one better by beating the Australians in the Evian International. At Gateshead last weekend England belied their world ranking of No. 4 by taking the redoubtable world champions to 39-40.

Heather Crouch, the England coach, said: "We matched Australia all the way. When you consider it was only a last-minute goal that beat us, we are going to Wembley reckoning that we can go one better this time."

ENGLAND SQUAD: J Hipsey (Essex Metropolitan), J Bryan (Birmingham), H Cadman (Cheshire), A Cash (Cumbria), M Farrell (West Yorkshire), K Fenlon (Cheshire), S Keal (Middlesex), M Lewellen (East Essex), K Lowe (Hertfordshire), J Parks (Birmingham), C Thomson (Birmingham), W Toogood (East Essex).
AUSTRALIA SQUAD: A Sergeant (New South Wales), K Dewey (NSW), M Ellis (NSW), S Ironmonger (Western Australia), R Jacka (Victoria), S Kenny (NSW), S McKinnis (Victoria), D Murphy (South Australia), J Peterson (South Australia), J White (South Australia).

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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When a hero was out— but not down

● **Botham's Out!** (BBC2, 9.30pm), which carries the secondary title *9½ Weeks in the Life of a Boy's Own Hero*, fills in whatever gaps there might be in our knowledge of what the cricketer did with himself after being banned from first-class cricket last May. He fished, and played golf, and surrounded himself with loyal friends and convivial drinkers. And he learnt how to pilot a helicopter. He was a hero in waiting, hero being a word much used in Iain Johnstone's commentary, delivered by William Franklyn in his best dry sherry voice. When Botham returns home to be greeted by his Great Dane, Johnstone goes all classical on us, likening the homecoming to Ulysses's. And when Botham flies over the English countryside at the controls of his helicopter, Johnstone sums up the situation

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with the cleverly turned line that the cricketer is looking down on a land fit for heroes, but a land in which heroes must fit. It must be said that home life with Ian Botham is not presented tonight as exactly heroic. When he plays his children, at cricket or anything else, he plays to win. His wife says he leaves his dirty washing all over the place, and she fails to see the funny side of the practical jokes he plays with her washing-up gloves. None the less, it was "smashing" to have him home for 9½ weeks, and her debt to the Test and County Cricket Board for having made it possible is duly acknowledged.

● Botham's long wait is not the only one on BBC Television tonight. *Open Space's* documentary **A Real Casualty** (BBC2, 7.25pm) explains why we often have to hang around so long in hospital casualty departments. Shortage of staff, and resources, and too many people by-passing their GPs and adopting what one medical spokesman calls a "supermarket mentality", by which we assume he means expecting everything to be sitting, waiting, on the shelf. In what must be the understatement of the week, a consultant at the hospital which at times resembles a fortress under siege more than a centre for urgent medical aid, says: "You may have noticed that this is a relentless job".

● One half of **Bookmark** (BBC2, 8.05pm) — the other half is devoted to the Caribbean writer George Lamming, now working on two novels after a long "writer's block" — is taken up with a profile of James Clavell. Here is a writer who resembles nothing so much as a machine specially designed to produce best-sellers (*King Rat, Shogun, Taipan*, etc). Very rich this man, and very sure of his attention-grabbing talent. Give me a reader who is prepared to give me a quarter of an hour of his time, he says, and I will keep him for up to 40 hours.

● Radio highlights: Masur conducting the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra in Schumann's No 4 and Beethoven's No 7 (Radio 3, 7.45pm and 8.45), and Teleri Bevan's searching interview with the uncommonly self-assured soprano, Grace Bumbry (Radio 4, 7.40pm)

Peter Davalle

The Bothams at home: they appear in Botham's Out! (Forty Minutes, BBC2, 9.30pm)

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.30 News headlines followed by *The Flintstones*. (r) **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman.
8.40 Watchdog. This morning's programme focuses on the problems of the terminally ill who are denied their rightful benefits until it is too late **8.55** Regional news and weather **9.00 News** update.
9.05 Day to Day. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on spiritualism **9.45 Advice Shop.** Margo Macdonald with advice on how to get help with fuel bills this winter **10.00 Neighbours.** (r)
10.20 The Wombles. (r) **10.25 Phillip Schofield** with children's television news, and birthday greetings **10.30 Play School.** (r) **10.50 Henry's Cat.** (r)
10.55 Fire to Eleven. Catherine Griller with a thought for the day **11.00 Food and Drink.** A repeat of Tuesday's programme. **11.30 Open Air.** Viewers comment on television programmes.
12.20 Championship Snooker. Highlights from last night's first two quarterfinal matches in the Tennants United Kingdom Championship **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather **1.25 Neighbours.** Weekday soap set in a Melbourne suburb **1.50 Animal Fair.** With Don Spencer.
2.00 Film: Seven Nights in Japan (1976) starring Michael York and Hidemi Aoki. The heir to the British throne arrives in Tokyo on an official visit. During an off duty moment he decides to explore the city and he meets a pretty tourist guide when his habit of not carrying any money lands him in a spot of bother. Directed by Lewis Gilbert. **3.40 Off the Record.** Jenny Agutter's record collection. (r)
3.50 Scrapbag and his Tea-time Telly 4.10 Sebastian the Incredible Drawing Dog! Michael Barrymore with the story of Mr Petal's Headache **4.15 Odysseus the Greatest Hero of Them All.** Greek legends told by Tony Robinson **4.30 Galloping Galaxies!** Space age adventures.
5.00 John Craven's Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter. David Attenborough introduces the top Young Wildlife Photographers of the Year, and their work. (Ceefax)
5.35 Masterteam.
6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Gary Davies.
7.30 EastEnders. Dr Legg offers Ethel's old flat to Naima; and Den gives his mate Pete the lowdown on his second honeymoon in Venice, while Angie relays her side of the story to Kathy. (Ceefax)
8.00 Tomorrow's World includes news of the Domesday disc; an ultrasonic device to help heart specialists; and a tractor programmed by a computer to plough more economic furrows.
8.30 The Kenny Everett Television Show. More lunatic and funny sketches featuring the innovative funny man. Plus music from Hot Gossip. (Ceefax)
9.00 News with Julia Somerville and John Humphrys. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Just Good Friends. Penny meets Vince's wife for the first time. Does this mean that their on/off relationship is now definitely off? (Ceefax)
10.00 Question Time. Sir Robin Day's guests are Becky Bryan, Walter Hayes, and MPs John Moore and Clare Short
11.00 Championship Snooker. The final frames of the remaining two quarterfinal matches of the Tennants United Kingdom Championship.
12.10 Weather.

The late Julie Tullis: the climber is seen in the repeated documentary K2-The Elusive Summit (Channel 4, 8.00pm)

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax.
9.52 Daytime on Two: Statistics - hypothesis testing **10.15** A definition of loud **10.38** The first of two programmes examining the partition of Ireland **11.00 Thinkabout 11.18** The effect of a mentally handicapped child on his younger brothers and sisters **11.40** Two sisters with different views on boys, marriage, and life, learn to think again.
12.12 Basic Spanish conversation **12.30 French** for absolute beginners **12.45 Biotechnology 1.05 Beginners' French 1.38** Farming through the ages **2.00** Clothes for special occasions **2.15 Music:** rhythms.
2.35 Championship Snooker. The remaining quarterfinal matches of the Tennants United Kingdom Championship. **3.55** Regional news and weather.
4.00 Pamela Armstrong. Dating agencies come under scrutiny this afternoon. Among the guests are models Marie Helvin and Cherry Marshall, plus a song from David Essex.
4.30 Championship Snooker. Futher coverage from Preston.
5.30 Film 86 (r)
6.00 Star Trek. Captain Kirk and the crew of the Starship Enterprise are on an errand of mercy to collect a miracle substance from Ardana that will cure a rampant plague on another planet. But the slaves of Ardana are fighting their masters and Kirk's mission becomes fraught with danger. (r)
6.45 What on Earth..? Wildlife quiz presented by Jeremy Charlas. With Sheila Anderson, Jenny Owen, Peter Moore, and Peter Fems.
7.10 100 Great Sporting Moments. A 1966 ABA title fight between Mark Rowe and Tom Imrie.
7.25 Open Space: A Real Casualty. Thirtysix hours in the busy life of the casualty department of Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, Essex. (see Choice)
8.05 Bookmark includes interviews with James Clavell who talks about his novels, beginning with his latest, Whirlwind; and George Lamming, the West Indian writer who, during the Fifties worked at Bush House and on early editions of Tonight. (see Choice)
9.00 Entertainment USA. Jonathan King travels by car along the California coast, stopping off at San Jose, Monterey, and Carmel.
9.30 40 Minutes: Botham's Out. A profile of Ian Botham as he far from languished in the wilderness after being banned by the authorities from playing first class cricket for nine and a half weeks. (see Choice) (Ceefax)
10.10 Phil Silvers'. The fell sergeant has to take evasive action when he places a 1000-1 bet with a local gangster. (r)
10.35 Newsnight. 11.20 Weather.

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9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Schools: bakers and baking **9.42** No Hanky-Panky, a story by Naomi Lewis **9.54** Resting **10.11** Part two of a film version of the story of Christmas **10.28** Health education **10.45** Craft, design and technology - joining materials **11.03** Poetry with music **11.20** Children's experiences of being ignored **11.37** How We Used to Live - rushing to enlist.
12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. (r) **12.10 Puddle Lane 12.30 The Sullivans.** Drama serial about an Australian family during the Forties.
1.00 News at One with John Suchet **1.20 Thames news.**
1.30 Falcon Crest. Drama serial starring Jane Wyman as the matriarch of a California wine dynasty **2.25 Home Cookery Club.** Crown Roast of Pork.
2.30 Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject **3.00 Take the High Road 3.25 Thames news** headlines **3.30 Sons and Daughters.**
4.00 The Raggy Dolls. 4.10 The Telebugs 4.20 Running Loose. Adventures of eight inner-city youngsters on a camping holiday in the English countryside. (Oracle) **4.45 Dangermouse.** Cartoon adventures of a secret service rodent and his timorous side-kick, Penfold.
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge game for teenagers.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00 Thames news.**
6.25 Help! John Murray with details of how to claim a heating allowance this winter.
6.35 Crossroads. Adam keeps a careful watch on Anne-Marie.
7.00 Emmerdale Farm. Seth Armstrong is acclaimed a hero.
7.30 Film: Burning Rage (1984) starring Barbara Mandrell, Eddie Albert, Carol Kane and Bert Remsen. A made-for-television drama about a geologist who is sent to a mining town whose mines are ablaze beneath the streets. Life becomes complicated for her and her partner when they find themselves involved in murder and at odds with the mine-owner, the local newspaper and the police. Directed by Gil Cates.
9.00 Girls on Top. Comedy series about three girls sharing a room in a house belonging to Joan Greenwood. Making a guest appearance are the Beverley Sisters. (Oracle)
9.30 This Week. Jonathan Dimbleby reports on the sensitive issue of race and school.
10.00 News at Ten with Carol Barnes and Alastair Stewart. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 Quincy. The investigative pathologist puts his reputation on the line when he comes to the conclusion that an influential businessman is responsible for the death of his estranged wife. (r)
11.30 The Business of Excellence. Management consultant Gifford Pinchot III presents his new ideas of business thinking.
12.15 Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous. Robin Leach meets Roger Moore.
12.40 Night Thoughts.

TV-AM

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News with Gordon Honeycombe at **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; financial news at **6.35**; sport at **6.40** and **7.40**; exercises at **6.55**; cartoon at **7.25**; pop music at **7.55**; and Jeni Barnett's postbag at **8.35**. The After Nine guests include Professor Stephen Schoenthaler talking about his research linking delinquency with diet; and Claire Rayner with advice on personal problems.

Peggy Mount, Leonard Rossiter, and Alec Guinness. Three of the stars of Hotel Paradiso (Channel 4, 9.30pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.15 Their Lordships' House. A repeat of last night's programme of highlights of the day's debates in the House of Lords.
2.30 Film: Clumy Brown* (1946) starring Jennifer Jones and Charles Boyer. Romantic comedy about a plumber's niece and a Czech refugee who first meet in a London flat and then in an English stately home. The last film to be directed by Ernst Lubitsch.
4.20 Banquet Busters. Cartoon.
4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner of the words and numbers competition is challenged by Grahame Williams of Crewe.
5.00 Ice Skating. The Tuborg British Figure Skating Championship. Highlights of the free programmes in both the Ladies' and Men's events, introduced by Nick Owen.
5.30 Rhythmic Gymnastics. The Erreys Printers International from the Wembley Conference Centre. The commentators are John Taylor and Monica Phelps.
6.30 Union World. By the year 2001 it is estimated that 51 per cent of workers will be women, as a consequence new challenges and problems are posed for the trade union movement. Tonight's programme examines these challenges.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons.
7.50 Comment from Trevor Swistchew, described as an unemployed poet. **Weather.**
8.00 K2 - The Elusive Summit. A repeat of the late Julie Tullis's account of a previous expedition to the second highest mountain in the world, which claimed her life earlier this year.
9.00 Oh Madeline. American domestic comedy series starring Madeline Kahn who, tonight, regrets making derogatory remarks about two large wrestlers.
9.30 Film: Hotel Paradiso (1966) starring Alec Guinness and Gina Lollobrigida. A farce, based on Feydeau's L'Hotel du Libre Echange, about a henpecked husband who engineers a tryst with the neglected wife of his neighbour. But the night of passion turns out to be anything but. With Robert Morley and Peggy Mount. Directed by Peter Glenville.
11.20 Rejoice presented by Candy Devine. The guests are musicians, Crossfire, Patricia Cafolla, Garth Hewitt, and Marjorie Caldwell; and from the Northern Ireland Marriage Guidance Council, John Chambers.
11.45 Relative Strangers. Comedy series about a man and the teenage son he never knew he had. Starring Matthew Kelly and Mark Farmer. (r)
12.15 Their Lordships' House. Ends at **12.30**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 6.35pm-6.00 Wales Today. **6.35-7.00** So You Think You Know... **12.10am-12.15** News and weather. SCOTLAND: 10.55am-11.00 Dateline. **5.35-7.00** Reporting Scotland. NORTHERN IRELAND: **5.35pm-6.40** Today's Sport. **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster. **6.35-7.00** Mastermam. **6.30-8.00** Sportsight. **12.10am-12.15** News and weather. ENGLAND: **6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines.
BBC2 WALES: **6.35pm-8.55** Mastermam. **8.56-9.00** Interval. **11.00-11.10** Gwaith A Sterad.
ANGLIA As London except: **1.20** pm News. **1.30-2.30** Fifty Fifty. **6.00** About Anglia. **6.35** Crossroads. **7.00-7.30** That's My Boy. **10.30** Eastern Approaches. **11.00** Cambridge Folk Festival. **11.30** Man in a Suitcase. **12.30 am** Pasco Profile, Close
BORDER As London except: **1.20** pm News. **1.30-2.30** Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased). **3.00** Parlour Game. **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors. **6.00-6.35** Lookaround. **10.30** Border Pool Classic. **11.15** Mike Hammer. **12.10 am** Closedown.
CENTRAL As London except: **12.30** pm-**1.00** Contact. **1.20** News. **1.30-2.30** The Baron. **6.00** Crossroads. **6.25-7.00** News. **10.35** Central Lobby. **11.05** Film: Monster Club. **12.40 am** Jobfinder. **1.40** Closedown.
GRAMPIAN As London except: **1.20 pm** News. **1.30-2.30** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). **6.00-6.35** North Tonight. **7.00-7.30** Grand Prix at Gleneagles. **10.30** Minder. **11.30** Crann Tara. **12.00** About Gaelic Debate. **12.30 am** News, Closedown.
GRANADA As London except: **1.20** pm Granada Reports. **1.30-2.30** Country Practice. **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors. **6.00** Granada Reports. **6.25** This is Your Right. **6.30-7.00** Crossroads. **10.30** Quincy. **11.30** All Kinds of Country. **12.00** Who's the Boss? **12.25 am** Closedown.
HTV WEST As London except: **1.20 pm** News. **1.30-2.25** Country Practice. **6.00-6.35** News. **10.30** West This Week. **10.55** Weekend Outlook. **11.00** Minder. **12.00** That's Hollywood. **12.30 am** Closedown.
HTV WALES As HTV West except: **11.03 am-11.18** Looking Forward. **6.00 pm-6.35** Wales at Six. **10.30-11.00** Wales This Week.
SCOTTISH As London except: **1.20** pm News. **1.30** Tucker's Witch. **2.25-2.30** Sorley Maclean at 75. **3.00-4.00** The Barn. **6.00-6.35** Scotland Today. **7.00** Take the High Road. **7.30** Moviemakers. **8.00-9.00** Magnum. **10.30** Crime Desk. **10.35** Jessie. **11.35** Crann Tara. **12.05 am** Late Call. **12.10** Tales from the Darkside. **12.40** Closedown.
TSW As London except: **1.20 pm** News. **1.30-2.30** Tucker's Witch. **6.00** Today South West. **6.30** Action South West. **6.35-7.30** Knight Rider. **10.32** War at Sea. **11.00** Film: Three Men to Kill. **12.40 am** Postscript. Closedown.
TVS As London except: **1.20 pm** News. **1.30** Action! **1.35-2.30** Jessie. **3.30-4.00** Country GP. **6.00-6.35** Coast to Coast. **10.30** Prisoner: Cell Block H. **11.30** Symphony. **12.00** Untouchables. **1.00 am** Company. Closedown.
TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20 pm** News. **1.30-2.30** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). **6.00-6.35** Northern Life. **10.32** The Works. **11.00** Darts. **11.45** Learning from Life. **12.15 am** Industry Year, Closedown.
ULSTER As London except: **1.20 pm** Lunchtime. **1.30-2.30** Fall Guy. **3.30-4.00** Different Strokes. **6.00** Good Evening Ulster. **6.25-6.35** Police Six. **10.30** Counterpoint. **11.00** Mysteries of Edgar Wallace'. **12.00** California Highways. **12.30 am** News, Closedown.
YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.30 pm-1.00** Lunchtime Life. **1.20** News. **1.30-2.30** Yellow Rose. **6.00-6.35** Calendar. **10.30** Mike Hammer. **11.30** New Avengers. **12.30am-6.00** Music Box.
S4C Starts: **11.10 am** Schools' Programmes. **11.45** Interval. **12.10 pm** Mona Lisa is Sad. **1.00** Years Ahead. **1.45** Their Lordships' House. **2.00** Countdown. **2.30** Film: Back Room Boy*. **4.05** Ffalabalam. **4.20** Athro Amser. **4.25** Hafoc. **5.00** Ice Skating. **5.30** 4 What it's Worth. **6.00** Brookside. **6.30** Write On. **7.00** Newyddion Saith. **7.30** Rargian Fawr. **8.15** Ar y Fiordd. **8.50** Dinas. **9.20** Y Clechyr. **9.50** Silwcar. **10.20** Hill Street Blues. **11.15** Lovers of the Lake. **12.15 am** Closedown.

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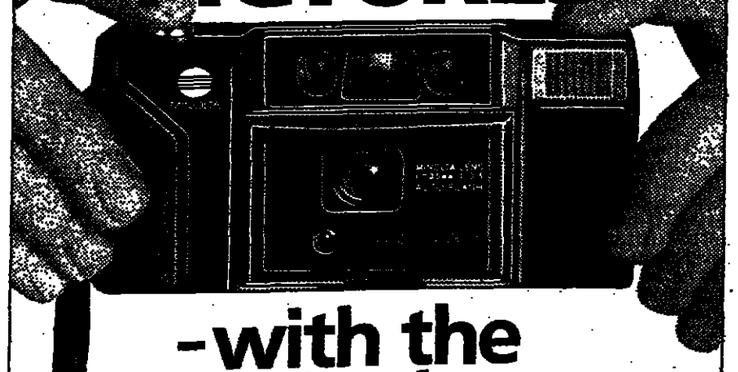

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Radio 1

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF (see below)
6.30am Simon Mayo **7.00** Adrian John **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson) **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Janice Long **9.00** You'll Never Be 16 Again. (history of the British teenager) **10.00-12.00** Andy Kershaw. VHF Stereo Radios 1 & 2:- **4.06am** As Radio 2. **10.00pm** As Radio 1. **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

On medium wave . Stereo on VHF
News on the hour. Sports Desks **1.05pm, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45** (mf only), **9.55.** Cricket: Second Test. (Australia v England), at **3.02am.**
4.00am Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Ken Livingstone **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** David Hamilton **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Wally Whyton **9.00** Rhythm and Blues (Paul Jones) **10.00** The News Huddlines (Roy Hudd) **10.30** Star Sound Cinema (Nick Jackson) **11.00** Brian matthew **1.00pm** Charles Nove **2.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30). **7.00** News. **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours. **7.30** Folk in the Modern World. **7.45** Network UK. **8.00** News. **8.09** Reflections. **8.15** Country Style. **8.30** John Peel. **9.00** News. **9.09** Review of British Press. **9.15** World Today. **9.30** Financial News. **9.40** Look Ahead. **9.45** Body Talk. **10.00** News. **10.01** Arthur Freed and the Hollywood Musical. **10.30** Two Cheers for November. **11.00** News. **11.09** News About Britain. **11.15** New Ideas. **11.25** A Letter from England (until 11.30). **12.00** Radio Newsreel. **12.15** Multitrack 2 — Top Twenty. **12.45** Sports Roundup. **1.00** News. **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours. **1.30** Network UK. **1.45** Lyrics and Lyricists. **2.00** Outlook. **2.45** Juke Box Jury. **3.09** Radio Newsreel. **3.15** The Pleasure's Yours. **4.00** News. **4.09** Commentary. **4.15** Assignment. **4.45** World Today. **5.00** News. **5.09** A Letter From England (until 5.15). **5.00** News. **5.09** Twenty-Four Hours. **5.30** Business Matters. **5.00** News. **9.01** Book Choice. **9.06** In the Meantime. **9.15** A Jolly Good Show. **10.00** News. **10.09** World Today. **10.25** A Letter From England. **10.30** Financial News. **10.40** Reflections. **10.45** Sports Roundup. **11.00** News. **11.09** Commentary. **11.15** Merchant Navy Programme. **11.30** Masterpiece in Miniature. **11.40** Farming World. **12.00** News. **12.08** News About Britain. **12.15** Radio Newsreel. **12.30** Music Now. **1.00** News. **1.01** Outlook. **1.20** Lyrics and Lyricists. **1.45** Book Choice. **1.58** In the Meantime. **2.00** News. **2.09** Review of British Press. **2.15** Plants in our Past. **2.30** Altar Berlioz. **3.00** News. **3.09** News About Britain. **3.15** World Today. **3.30** Business Matters. **4.00** Newsdesk. **4.30** Country Style (until 4.45). **5.45** World Today. All times in GMT

Radio 3

6.55 Weather 7.00 News
7.05 Concert: Fauré (Pavane: Chorus and Orchestra, Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields), Lambert (Valse of the Gemini, from Horoscope ballet: Royal Opera House Orchestra), Britten (Gemini Variations for flute, violin, piano duo: Gabriel and Zoltan Jeney), Kodaly (Variations on Hungarian folk song: Budapest SO). **8.00 News**
8.05 Concert (continued): Purcell (Hunt and storm scene, Dido and Aeneas: Tavarner Choir/Tavarner Players), Berlioz (Royal hunt and storm, The Trojans: Paris Orchestra), Haydn (Symphony No 773: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields), Franck (Le chasseur maudit: Paris Orchestra). **9.00 News**
9.05 Scriabin. Including Four Preludes, Op 48(Ogdon,piano), Sonata No 7 (Michael Rudy, piano). Desir, Op 57 No 1 (Scriabin, piano), and Sonata No 5 (Richter, piano)
10.00 Boccherini and Paganini: Boccherini's Quintet No 7 in E minor and Paganini's Quartet No 7 in E. With Kantorow (violin), Trusler (violin), Rowland-Jones (viola), Baillie (cello), Gifford (guitar)
10.45 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC. Presented by Ian McDougall (r)
11.05 BBC Scottish SO in Germany (under Hurst), with Silvia Marcovici (violin). Brahms (Tragic Overture, and Violin Concerto), Dvorak (Symphony No 6). **1.00 News**
1.05 Birmingham Concert: Ruud van der Meer (baritone), and Rudolf Jansen (piano). Schumann (Liederkreis, Op 24), Fauré (Lydia, Sylvie), Andriessen (Trois poemes amoureux), and Vaughan Williams songs including The vagabond, and The roadside fire. and Let beauty awake (from Songs of Travel)
2.00 Maria Stuart: Sergei Slonimsky's ballad-opera in three acts. Sung in Russian. Chorus and Orchestra of the Maly Theatre, Leningrad (under Valentin Kozhin), with Inessa Prosalovskaya in tthe title role, Nina Romanova as Queen Elizabeth, and Stanislav Bureyev as Darnley.
4.15 Music for Two Pianos: Martin Jones and Richard McMahon play works by Arthur Benjamin (Three Jamaican Pieces), Grainger (A Lincolnshire Posy), and Richard Rodney Bennett (Four-piece Suite). **4.55** News
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Roger Nichols presents a selection of recorded music
6.30 Bandstand: William Davis Construction Group Band. Curnow (Blenheim Flourishes), Philip Lane (Aubade joyeuse), Philip Sparke (Music for a festival)
7.00 A New Harmony ? An examination by Stephen Walsh of the rift between composers and their audiences. Contributors include Pierre Boulez, Alexander Goehr, Elliott Carter and Robert Simpson
7.45 Leipzig Gewandaus Orchestra (under Kurt Masur). Part 1. Weber (Oberon overture). Schumann (Symphony No 4). From the Ulster Hall, Belfast
9.25 One Pair of Ears: David Brown surveys the week's music-making on radio
8.45 Concert (part two): Beethoven (Symphony No 7)
9.35 One Up, One Down: Hilda Schroder in Rachel Blake's one-hander
10.00 Music in Our Time: Kai Scheffler (cello), Ensemble Modern (under Holliger, oboe). Goldmann (Ensemble Concerto), Gubaidulina (Detto II,for cello and ensemble), Marek Kopelent (A few minutes with an oboist), Holler (Mythos)
11.20 First Night: Carol Churchill's A Mouthful of Birds, (at the Royal Court, London), reviewed by Howard Jacobson
11.30 Claudio Arrau: Chopin piano works.Including Barcarolle Op 660, and Fantasy Impromptu Op 66
11.57 News. **12.00** Close

Radio 4

On long wave. (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping. **6.00** News Briefing: Weather. **6.10** Farming. **6.25** Prayer (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News. **6.45** Business News. **6.55, 7.55** Weather. **7.00, 8.00** News. **7.25, 8.25** Sport. **7.45** Thought for the Day. **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament. **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 In Business. Magazine about the business world. With Peter Smith (r)
9.30 The Natural History Programme. Fergus Keeling finds out why we don't eat worms.
10.00 News; Medicine Now. Geoff Watts on the health of medical care (r)
10.30 Morning Story: The Honourable Member, by David J Black. Reader: Stella Forga.
10.45 An Act of Worship (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Analysis. Peter Hennessy asks: How can shadow parties prepare themselves for a possible return to power? (r)
11.48 Lines of Communication. Patrick Hannan discovers how the meaning of words can easily be changed.
12.00 News; You and yours. Consumer Advice.
12.27 Round Britain Quiz. Irene Thomas and Eric Korn versus Douglas Gifford and Robert Kernohan (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One: News
1.40 The Archers. **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour, with Sue MacGregor. Includes a feature about three successful black businesswomen. Also episode three of Circles in a Forest.
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play. A Pebble's Rattle, by Jane Beeson. With Ann Bell, Rosemary Martin and George Roth. Drama about the friendship between two women in the forties — and a crisis that develops between them.
4.00 News
4.05 Bookshelf. Susan Hill with Richard Mabey and Christopher Somerville.
4.35 Kaleidoscope. Includes comment on The Women, by Claire Booth-Luce, at the Old Vic in London (plus interview with the playwright), and London Contemporary Dance Theatre at Sadler's Wells (r)
5.00 PM News Magazine. **5.50** Shipping. **5.55** Weather.
6.00 News
6.30 My Music. John Amis and Frank Muir versus Ian Wallace and Dennis Norden (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Any Answers? Letters sent in by listeners in response to last week's Any Questions. With John Timpson.
7.40 A Musical Evening in America (new series) Teleri Bevan talks to three opera singers. This week: Grace Bumbry. Recorded in New York.
8.40 Profile. A personal portrait.
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? For disabled listeners and their families.
9.30 Glyn Worsnip delves into the BBC Sound Archives.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes comment on Selling the Sizzle at the Hampstead Theatre, Royal Designers for Industry at the V and A, and the Commonwealth Poetry Prize.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: A House for Mr Biswas by V S Naipaul (12). Read by Gerard Green. **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather. **12.33** Shipping

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except **5.55-6.00am** Weather; Travel. **9.05-10.45** For Schools: **9.05** Preview **9.08** An Assembly for Schools **9.30** Secondary English (11-14) (s) **9.55** First Steps in Drama **10.15** Something to Think About **10.25** Talk to a Sports Star. **10.00-12.00** For schools: **11.00** Noticeboard **11.05** In the News **11.30** Wavelength. **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** The Song Tree (s). **2.20** The Living Language **2.30** Newscast. **5.50-5.55 PM** (continued). **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-time Broadcasting: Working in an Office (1).

FREQUENCIES: **Radio 1:**1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m:VHF-90-92.5; **Radio 4:** 200kHz/1500m: VHF-92-95; LBC:1152kHz/261m: VHF 97.3; **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m: VHF95.8; BBC **Radio London:** 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9: **World Service:** MF 648kHz/463m.

Higgins plays on as code rules out instant justice

By Sydney Friskin

Alex Higgins, whose professional career is in jeopardy, found temporary shelter yesterday under the legal umbrella of the controlling organization, the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), who admitted that they had no power to dispense instant justice.

Contrary to general expectation, Higgins will continue to play in the Tennents UK championship and meets the Welshman, Wayne Jones, in the quarter-finals today.

The WPBSA board, at their meeting in Preston yesterday, heard among other things a complaint from Paul Hatherell, the tournament director, that during the evening of Monday, November 24, 1986, he was verbally abused and head-butted by Higgins and as a result suffered a cut eye.

The board stated that written evidence from certain employees of the WPBSA, who were present when the incident took place, had been taken. These statements, which were read out, were signed copies of statements previously given to the police.

Under the WPBSA disciplinary code, the board cannot consider any complaint against a member within a seven day cooling-off period and the complaints in question, after being put to Higgins, will be dealt with by an independent tribunal.

The board's reaction to Hatherell's complaint is that they are appalled at the alleged incidents and they will not tolerate this type of behaviour. As genuine as these remarks appear to be they have, like Pontius Pilate, washed their hands of the whole thing to await the judgement of the tribunal on a man who has been fined seven times since 1973.

Here then is another chapter in the continuing story of Higgins and his brush with authority and whether the prevailing system is the most satisfactory way to deal with an incident as serious as this is open to question.

The tribunal has the power to publicly reprimand the member concerned, to impose an unlimited fine, to suspend the member concerned from one or more tournaments or championships, to deduct points from the member's total in the ranking list and to expel the member concerned from the association. They will need to find a way of making the punishment fit the crime.

Higgins's electric style of play has illuminated the game since he burst upon the scene as the youngest world champion in 1972. His admirers have condoned his off-table indiscretions in the past and have understood his personal problems, which at present include the separation from his wife and children. This time, however, he appears to have gone too far.

While Higgins may be justified in his tirade against larger pockets — the next question which sparked off the present unfortunate affair with Hatherell — his remarks about Mike Hallett, whom he defeated 9-7 in the third round, were not in good taste. He said: "If he can run me so close when I'm trying then something must be wrong." Higgins probably cannot reconcile himself to the fact that Hallett is a vastly improved player and that Higgins himself, the state of the pockets notwithstanding, is not the great player he once was.

Troubled times: Higgins (left) leaves a Manchester police station. Williams (top right), WPBSA chairman, and Hatherell, tournament director

Davis recovers to take slender lead

Steve Davis, the number one seed, made a remarkable recovery in the quarter-final of the Tennents UK championship against Tony Drago of Malta at the Guild Hall, Preston yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes). After losing the first three frames, Davis recovered his composure and won the next four frames to go 4-3 ahead at the interval.

Drago, whose engaging style and spirit of adventure have earned him high praise, won the first frame in only nine minutes, terminating it with a break of 94. Supported by breaks of 58 and 50 he went 3-0 ahead.

Slowly and surely Davis began his task of reconstruction and a break of 62 put him right with the world. It was Drago's turn to take a back seat as Davis compiled breaks of 62, 42, 78 and 59 to take his 4-3 lead.

Neal Foulds, who had defeated Jimmy White in the previous round, raced into a 6-1 lead over Cliff Thorburn of Canada, whose highest break in seven frames was only 40. He played much below his usual standard.

Foulds, the winner of the BCE International tournament, having beaten Thorburn in the final, was at his best in the fifth frame, which he won with a superb clearance of 136. When he went 5-1 ahead, supported by a break of 43, the Canadian had not scored a point in two frames.

Tony Knowles and Terry Griffiths, the men who had started the discourse on whether larger pockets were good for the game or not ended their third round match late on Tuesday night, Knowles winning 9-6: Knowles, who was 2-3 down, thought it was time to take advantage of the larger pockets and, pursuing a policy of attack, won four frames in a row eventually to emerge a comfortable winner.

SCORES: Third round: T Knowles (Eng) bt T Griffiths (Wales) 9-6. Frame scores (Knowles first): 64-30, 24-62, 83-34, 29-78, 53-68, 71-14, 79-3, 71-14, 70-44, 33-74, 40-58, 75-0, 55-58, 67-35, 98-14.

ATHLETICS

E Germany's hint on Seoul

Berlin (AP) — East Germany yesterday named 416 athletes and 221 coaches as candidates for their team for the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, the state-run ADN news agency reported.

Although the ADN report did not mention Seoul by name, it appeared to be the latest in a series of recent official reports indicating that East Germany, one of the strongest nations in international athletics, has no plans to boycott the Games in the South Korean capital.

There has been concern that Communist countries may boycott the Games because of their support for North Korea in its political dispute with South Korea.

North Korea has threatened to call for a boycott of the Seoul Games unless it is allowed to stage more events than granted by South Korea and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) under a compromise plan for the two countries to co-host the Games.

The list of East German athletes and trainers was presented in East Berlin yesterday at a ceremony also attended by several high-ranking Communist Party officials, including Egon Krenz, the Central Committee member, ADN said.

The European race-walking champion, Hartwig Gauder, and the rowing coach, Joerg Landvoigt, gave a solemn pledge in the names of athletes and coaches saying the East German team would strive for excellent results and honorable representation of their country in the 1988 Olympic Games.

National Olympic Committee officials also received a cheque for $1.4m, collected from donations from East German citizens for the team's preparation, equipment and travel costs. ADN did not provide the full list of athletes yesterday but said that the veteran sprinter, Marita Koch, was one of them.

Swede challenge

Boris Becker and three Swedes, Kent Carlsson, Jonas Svensson, and Ulf Stenlund, are the leading seeds in the Young Masters tournament, sponsored by Waterford Crystal, at Stuttgart from December 10 to 14. This annual tournament is restricted to men aged 21 or under.

FOOTBALL

England caps set for club switch

Ian Snodin and Bobby Mimms, the England under-21 internationals of Leeds United and Everton respectively, are ready to change clubs by the weekend in a £750,000 deal.

Snodin has been the prime target of Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, since the summer, when he had a £600,000 bid rejected for the captain of the second division side. And Kendall watched the 23-year-old midfield player again in Leeds's 2-1 League defeat at Birmingham City last week.

Meanwhile, Dave Blakey, the Leeds chief scout, saw the unsettled Mimms play in the first division side's reserve match at Sheffield United. The indications are that Billy Bremner, the Leeds manager, is about to relent in his public vow to sell Snodin "over my dead body" after the second division side's slide to sixth place with three defeats in a row.

In addition to giving his side a top-quality goalkeeper, the exchange would provide Bremner with about £250,000 for strengthening his team in their promotion campaign. Everton have rivals for Snodin's signature in Liverpool, Tottenham Hotspur and West Ham United; but these three clubs cannot put together a similar package.

West Ham, along with Nottingham Forest, are also showing an interest in Gordon Cowans, the England midfield man, who plays for Bari in the Italian league. Cowans has said that he wants to return home.

The former Aston Villa player had talks with Franco Janic, the Bari general manager, on Tuesday and was told that he must stay for another six months before being allowed to leave for a minimum £500,000.

Few witness Charlton's change of fortunes

The Charlton Athletic manager, Lennie Lawrence, had predicted a small crowd for Tuesday evening's Full Members Cup tie against Bradford City at Selhurst Park.

He was proved right as a miserable 817 — the lowest attendance in Charlton's history — turned up to watch them end a run of five defeats with a 2-0 success, the goals coming in the second-half from Robert Lee, the substitute, and Colin Walsh.

The first division side, Southampton, were given a run for their money at the Dell, despite Hull City having to field their central defender, Peter Skipper, in goal for the tie. The fact that second division Hull restricted their hosts to a 2-1 margin of victory was mainly due to Skipper, who was forced to step in when the regular goalkeeper, Tony Norman, injured his back on the coach trip to the ground.

Skipper pulled off a number of fine saves but could not prevent Southampton's teenaged forward, Matthew Le Tissier, from scoring twice. Gary Parker replied for Hull.

Vince Hilaire made amends for an earlier miss as Portsmouth pulled off a surprise win at Sheffield Wednesday, the former Crystal Palace winger scoring the 69th minute winner. Kevin Wilson and John Deehan scored for Ipswich Town in their 2-0 win at Reading to earn a third round home tie against Aston Villa.

The Freight Rover Trophy opened with some high scoring. Wrexham trounced Tranmere Rovers 6-1 with their substitute, Steve Massey, getting two goals in the space of a minute; Dave Shearer and Tony Cascarino both scored twice as Gillingham won 5-0 at Notts County; and York City's young forward, Marco Gabbiadini, managed three goals in the first-half in a 4-1 defeat of Darlington.

The Walsall attacker, David Kelly, celebrated his 21st birthday by scoring the only goal of the match against Swindon Town, while also in the third division, Neil Whatmore was responsible for Mansfield Town's winning goal against Newport County to end a run of five successive draws.

Brentford ready to play anywhere

Brentford have appealed to the Football Association (FA) to find another venue for their first-round FA cup tie against Bristol Rovers. Yesterday the tie was postponed for the fifth time because of a waterlogged pitch at the ground Rovers share with Bath. It has been rescheduled for tonight; but Brentford are resigned to another disappointment.

The Brentford chief executive, Keith Loring, said yesterday: "I have told the FA we are prepared to play the match on any ground in England, including our own. Every postponement is causing us problems — I don't blame Bristol Rovers — and it's time the FA stepped in. The Rovers pitch is in a terrible state and I understand the chances of playing tomorrow are remote."

Brentford had to opt out of Tuesday night's Freight Rover Cup tie at Orient because of they had not managed to play the FA Cup tie against Rovers and they are worried that they could lose a lucrative home gate next Wednesday when they are due to face Swindon in the same competition.

FA reassure Caernarfon

FA officials yesterday reassured Caernarfon Town that they are happy for the Multipart League club to stage the home leg of their second-round FA Cup tie against York on their own ground.

The Welsh Football Association secretary, Alun Evans, had suggested that next Monday's commission of inquiry into crowd trouble at Caernarfon's ground during the first-round tie against Stockport County would also assess Caernarfon's suitability to play hosts to York. But yesterday an FA spokesman said: "We are in touch with the local police for every game involving non-League clubs and we are quite satisfied that the arrangements at Caernarfon will be all right.

If the Welsh FA wish to enlighten us with any problems regarding the match then we will consider them, but it is getting rather late to start changing venues."

The spokesman confirmed that Monday's inquiry had been called specifically to deal with trouble at the first-round game. The Caernarfon chairman, Arfon Roberts, has since spent £3,000 on penning in the visitors' enclosure for the York game for which a crowd limit of 3,000 has been set.

Chorley on the move

The FA has ruled that Chorley must play the home leg of their FA Cup second-round tie against Preston North End at Ewood Park, the ground of Blackburn Rovers. The Chorley secretary, Mike Wearmouth, said: "We are more than happy to go along with that. Preston wanted us to play at their ground but our best chance of getting through will be on grass — not their plastic pitch."

The Multipart League club, enjoying the best FA Cup run of their 103-year history, are happy to accept a share of a lower gate in the hope of meeting one of the big clubs in the third round. Preston anticipated a gate of around 15,000, but while only two thirds of that figure as many spectators are likely to go to Blackburn.

Three into two will not wash at Villa

By a Special Correspondent

Question: When is a first-team game not a first-team game? Answer: When the Football Association say so!

According to the game's ruling body, the Full Members' Cup is not an "approved" competition.

Ever since it was launched, the Football League have been striving to get the FA's seal of approval for their newest competition. But the powers that be at Lancaster Gate have turned a deaf ear to all arguments.

The latest upshot of the issue is that three Aston Villa players will each have to serve three-match suspensions next month — though the FA have officially banned them for only two games each.

Gary Williams, Martin Keown and Paul Elliott will all miss Villa's first division matches against Sheffield Wednesday and Manchester United following last week's indiscretions in the Littlewoods Cup-tie at Southampton.

Williams and Keown were sent off at The Dell, where Elliott collected his eighth booking of the season, which took him to more than 31 disciplinary points.

The suspensions will take effect from next Tuesday, which means that the trio will also have to sit out Villa's Full Members' Cup-tie at Ipswich that night.

"It is so wrong, it is not true," complained Villa's chairman, Doug Ellis, last night. "I have registered a very strong protest with the Football League and told them to stick it on the agenda for the next meeting.

"How can a competition with a final at Wembley not be an "approved" competition in the eyes of the FA. I just cannot believe it. It is so unfair on everyone concerned — not least the three players involved, who, no matter what anyone says, are having to miss three first-team matches when they have been banned for only two.

"It's not even as if disciplinary points received in the Full Members' Cup are not counted on a player's record of "first-team" offences — they are. That makes it even more of a mockery."

To rub further salt into Villa's wounds, Elliott, Keown and Williams will also be ineligible to play in the £50,000 Guinness Soccer Six competition in Manchester on December 9 and 10.

● Newcastle United have a full-back crisis for Sunday's televised match with West Ham United at St James' Park. Willie McFaul, Newcastle's manager, is already resigned to being without his Republic of Ireland international, John Anderson, who suffered a shoulder injury in Saturday' 3-1 win at Chelsea, while John Bailey is only just back in training this week after a long absence because of an Achilles tendon injury.

Ken Wharton, Anderson's full-back partner at Stamford Bridge, is to see a specialist. Wharton's knee injury makes him extremely doubtful for Sunday's match, and the club's record signing, Paul Goddard, has not been able to train at all this week because of an ankle injury.

● Derby County's central defender, David Linighan, yesterday travelled for talks with Shrewsbury Town after the clubs had agreed on a £30,000 transfer deal. Linighan, who joined Derby from Hartlepool for £20,000 this summer, has not played in the league this season.

Maradona riding the crest of a new wave

Rome (Reuter) — Diego Maradona, Argentina's World Cup captain, is preparing Napoli for the unaccustomed role of the bride after years of serving as bridesmaid in the Italian football league.

"This, ladies and gentlemen," announced best man Maradona, "is the Napoli I have always searched for: a team that I like and a team that loves football."

Napoli have moved Maradona to such praise because they have knocked Juventus, the reigning champions, from their comfortable perch and stolen the league lead for the first time in 11 years — the victory made sweeter by beating Juventus for the first time in 29 years.

Maradona, the driving force of the team, admits that his greatest dream, after taking Argentina to World Cup victory in Mexico in June, is to see Napoli win the league title for the first time in their 60-year history.

But the mood among squad and city alike is subdued. All too accustomed to disappointment, with two second places and seven thirds in the past, the fans are waiting with bated breath to see if Napoli's fortunes will survive the extended battle for the league which ends in May.

Corrado Ferlaino, the Napoli president, has appealed to fans not to be carried away by dreams of seeing the league come to Naples. "For decades the Neapolitans have dreamed of winning the shield and believed in the promises of the directors," Ferlaino said. "Then, in the spring, the promises dissolve. They disappear like the snow in the first sun."

Napoli, founded in 1926, are playing their 50th year in the first division. Their greatest domestic triumph came in 1962 when they became the first team from the second division to win the Italian Cup. Another domestic cup win came in 1976, but abroad Napoli have had little success. Their UEFA Cup hopes this year ended when they lost a first round penalty competition against Toulouse of France after Maradona missed.

Ottavio Bianchi, the manager who took over at Naples last season, says he has changed nothing. But three purchases in particular have paid off. Bianchi brought in Fernando De Napoli, one of the few Italian World Cup players to attract praise in Mexico this year, to strengthen the midfield.

In the attack, built round the formidable talent of Maradona, Bianchi added Andrea Carnevale, from Udinese, and Romano, from second-division Triestina.

The new-look attack paid dividends last weekend. Carnevale scored twice and Maradona was quoted afterwards as saying of Romano: "He was more important than me".

Yesterday's results

UEFA CUP: Third round, first leg: Dukla Prague 0, Internazionale 1; Spartak Moscow 1, Swarovski Tyrol 0.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Swindon 0, Arsenal 1. Postponed: Oxford United v Luton.

MACBAR SOUTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bournemouth 3, Cardiff City 2.

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cambridge University 30, M. R. Steele-Bodger's XV 20.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Jordan in Hibs bid

Joe Jordan, Southampton's 34-year-old former Scotland international, has emerged as a front-runner for the Hibernian manager's job.

Jordan, who played in three World Cup finals for Scotland, is one of 50 applicants for the vacancy created last week by John Blackley's resignation. Kenny Waugh, the club chairman, revealed yesterday that Jordan, who won the last of his 52 caps against Russia in Spain in 1982, has applied for the position, but said: "We have drawn up a short-list of six names, but there is not one which leaps out and hits us."

Calling time

Time could be running out for Sheffield speedway, unless more backers are found soon. So far 108 people have pledged a total of £21,600 — £200 each — to a fund to offset an annual deficit of £30,000. However, Maurice Ducker, the promoter, has said he wants at least 150 pledges by today to persuade him to continue next year.

McDonnell: Title bout

On the defence

Jim McDonnell, the European featherweight champion from Stepney, is to defend his title against the Italian, Valerio Nati, early in the New Year. The European Boxing Union have called for purse offers for the contest to be lodged at their Rome headquarters by December 15.

New hosts

Britain will host the world sand and land yachting world championships for the first time next year. The event, which will combine with the European championships, will take place at Blackpool from September 13-19.

Flying start

Britain dominated the first race yesterday of the Flying 15 world sailing championships in Hong Kong by taking three of the first four places. In light winds Phil Morrison snatched victory from fellow team member Dick Skipworth, with Steve Birbeck — runner-up in the Hong Kong national at the weekend — sailing consistently to finish fourth.

Open plan

Rodney Barton, chairman of Bournemouth football club, yesterday unveiled plans for a £5 million stadium close to the club's Dean Court Ground. The new structure, a mini-superbowl, would be sunk 20 feet below ground level so that stands would be no higher than a bungalow. The stadium, with its artificial pitch, would accommodate 12-15,000 people, and the club hopes to secure planning permission early in the New Year.

Move to Rochdale

Paddy McGeeney, the Sheffield United defender, has joined Rochdale on a month's loan. A small fee will be involved if McGeeney decides to stay

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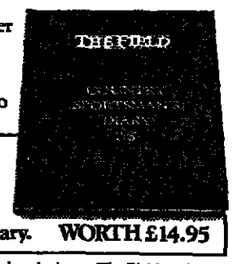

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